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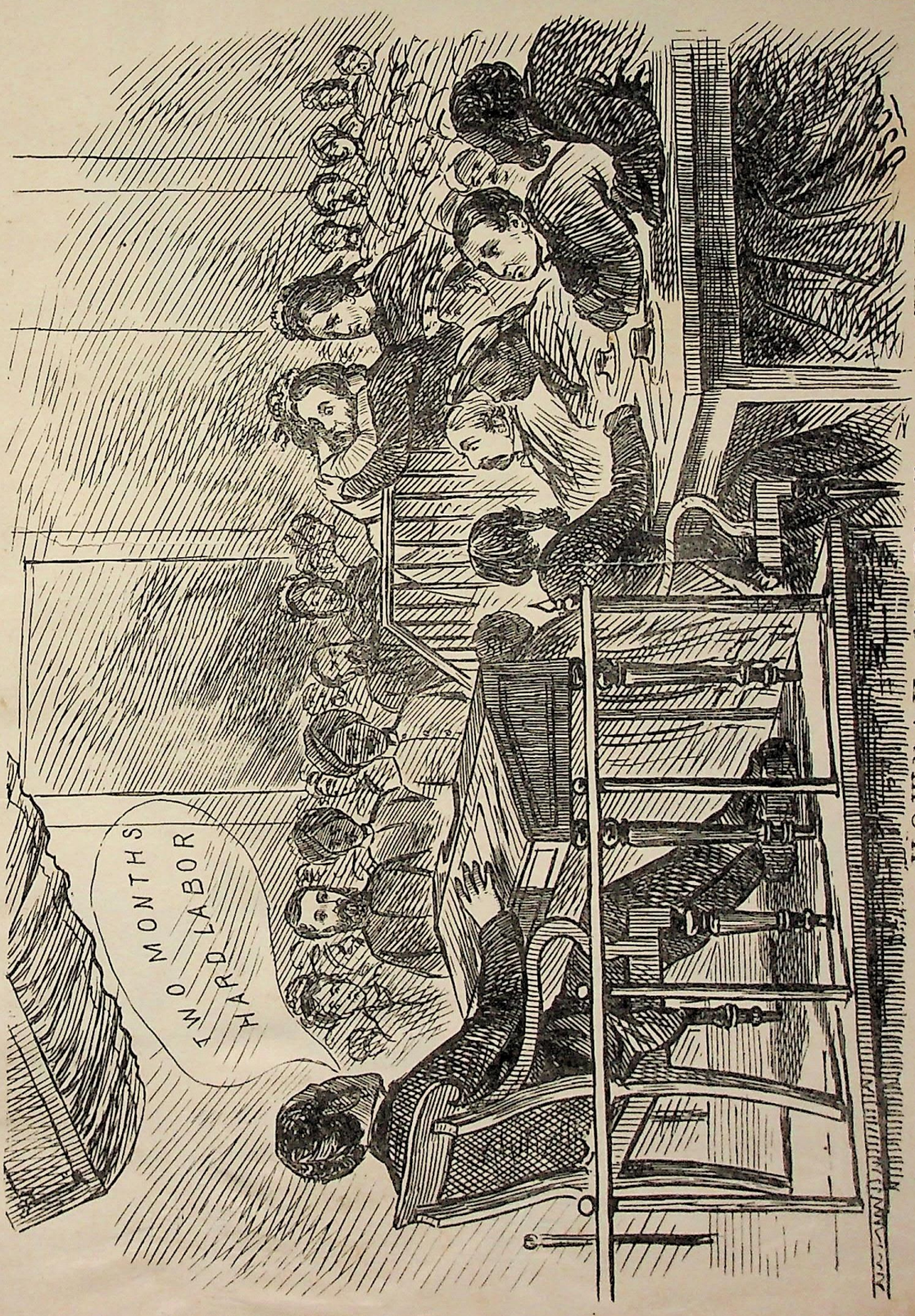
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HOWRAH JUSTICE.

"Man
Dressed in a little brief authority,
Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven,
As makes the angels weep."—*Measure for Measure.*

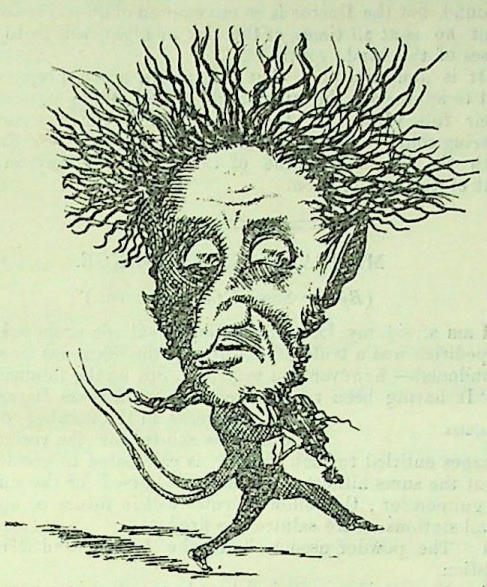
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ANNALS OF REMARKABLE MEN.



(PAGANINI.)

PAGANINI, the greatest violinist in the world, was the son of a man whose chief claim to distinction lay in the fact of his being Paganini's father. Consequently, Paganini was the son of—in short, of his father. The personal appearance of the great musician was lightly characteristic of genius, but not at all suggestive of the use of hair-oil. The phrenological developments of his pericranium produced a picturesque combination of beauties, well worthy of a prominent place in Madame Tussand's Chamber of Horrors.

At the tender age of five, the latent fire of genius that smouldered in his breast, first emitted those sparks which were destined to set the world ablaze. And though the instrument chosen by the untutored youth was one utterly unworthy of his mighty talents (being in fact what is now



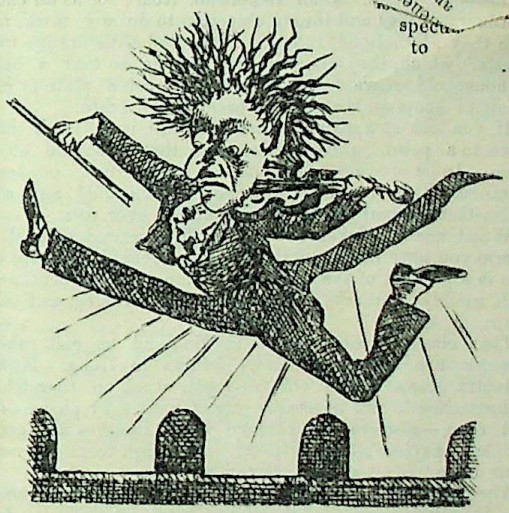
vulgarly known as a "penny-trumpet"), yet in spite of the limited powers of this much abused wind-instrument, the tremendous and astounding variations executed on it by the young prodigy were such as struck his hearers dumb with suppressed emotion.

It is the privilege of great men to wear brilliant uniforms. In later years, Paganini was no exception to this rule. The Grand Duchess of Tuscany bestowed on him, as a mark of



special favor, the cast-off uniform of one of the Captains of her Guards, with permission to wear it on State occasions, if he could by any possibility get into it. This brilliant reward of transcendent ability was the highest recognition of his genius that he ever received from an enthusiastic and admiring world; roughly speaking, we may include in the category the fact that after death [illegible]ed Christian burial and generally abused as a precocious pupil of the venerable Nicholas.

Let us follow him through one of his inimitable solos. He seizes the violin, sweeps its strings with passionate [illegible] special[illegible] to



wail like a zither, peal out like the strains of a military band, settle into the rich chords and fine cadences of a strong harp, produce sounds resembling anything and everything, except the legitimate sounds of a violin. His cravat flies loose; his coat-tails wave madly to and fro; he gesticulates like a maniac; the irresistible music streams forth louder, wilder, more magical than ever. He strides, leaps, dances forward, dashes the music-stand into the midst of the audience, hurls his famous stradnarius violin at the heads of the Orchestra, follows up the attack by a brilliant, though unprovoked, assault on the pianist, and finally vanishes head-foremost amidst a deafening roar of applause. These are the ways of great men, and inscrutable to the common herd.

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ROUND-ABOUT NOTES ON INDIA.

By D. I. S. CONTENT-ESQ

India is in the (yeast) east. It is a rising country. We had a taste of its rising, in the mutiny of 1857. The majority of the native inhabitants are called coolies, (and rightly so, as the new arrival will say) from the cool and easy style, they set to work when required to. Their costume is neither expensive nor extensive, and might be considered somewhat eccentric, if seen in the fashionable streets of London. A juvenile coolie considers himself dressed in the height of fashion, with a piece of whip-cord and key attached, round his loins.

"The Baboo" is a step higher in the social grade, and to the untravelled Englishman, may be considered, some relative of the monkey tribe. This is erroneous, for many Baboos take high honours at the University, and write B. A. or A. S. S. or any other combination of letters after their names.

The following is a letter we received from a B. A. Baboo in our employ, and may be taken as a fair specimen of their concise and simple epistolary style:—

"Honoured Sir,

"HONOURED SIR, I shall full obliged to writer for desire to Mundosondo-bundodass Baboo, make favoured me wont five (5) rupees advance, when you pays, then I deducted if you never gave order he want give. I am poor man argent very much as it obliged.

Your Lordships I am,
JUDDERNAUTH BABOO.

If a Baboo is necessitated by sickness to absent himself from office, he generally writes a letter of explanation, entering fully into details, more explicit than English manners and customs require. To a poor Englishman keeping house, in India, the number and variety of servants required, is an important item; for as an excuse for their idleness, and innate objection to do any work, more than they are obliged, they have invented a distinction called "caste," which, they urge on all occasions, so that a bearer or household servant will refuse to wash a plate or clean a pair of boots on the plea of breaking his caste.

If you look at a map of India you will perceive it comes down to a point, which reminds me that I should do the same. India produces a great number of things, pepper for instance. This you may get, hot, if you hold any office under Government and offend any official over you.

Whist was first invented in India, by a retired colonel. Of course you have heard of the Indian Rubber! Prickly heat also is a product of the country, but must not be confounded with, prickly comfrey, which they are advertising, as food for cattle.

That class of men, whom in England we call cab-proprietors, are rather humorous fellows in India. Now in Calcutta, these call an old tea-chest, stuck on four wheels, and attached to two miserable rats of pony's by pieces of tin and rope,—gharrys,—and make large incomes by getting people to pay for riding in them. Although termed "ticca," there is no "tick" allowed, if you hire one.

The police are a different class of men from those in London. The European portion of the force may generally be found frequenting bars and billiard rooms; and if on duty, smoking cigars, in sequestered parts of the city. The native policemen are particularly intelligent and energetic. The day men may be noticed fast asleep in the huts of the small shop-keepers, whilst those on night duty are not to be noticed at all.

The attention of strangers is sure to be drawn to the large birds, called adjutants, which frequent the cities of India, and pick up a living from the refuse and scavenger's offal. These are sometimes called native lawyers. The reason for this is, perhaps, the bag which they have beneath their neck, full of wind; or it may be, their long bill.

Next to the unfortunate members of the Civil Service, of whom we purpose speaking on some future occasion, the medical men in India are greatly to be pitied, for so few of them are enabled to make anything like an adequate income. It is true Cholera, Fever, Sunstroke, Liver complaint and Ague abound, but the Doctor is so enamoured of his profession here, that he is at all times, of the day or night, willing to attend cases of this kind, gratis.

It is almost a pity, that Europeans are so prejudiced, as not to appreciate the attractions which India possesses, at their full value. If they would only compare now the bracing cold winds and health inspiring sea breezes of England, with the bright sunshine of the month of May, in India! But of this, more anon.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(*By our Special Correspondent.*)

I am afraid my last information about the proposed Cabul Expedition was a trifle premature, as the idea has since been abandoned— however you may rely, Sir, on the following:—

"It having been represented by the *Expense Department*" that the increase in the number of guns to be fired as salutes for the various personages entitled to such honor, is calculated to greatly augment the sums hitherto annually disbursed for the purchase of gunpowder; the following rules will in future be observed in all stations where salutes are fired:— Salutes.

1. The powder used to be of the cheapest and worst description.

2. No cartridges will in future be supplied in consequence of the increased cost of serges.

The following method will be adopted in loading, *viz*:—

The gun to be tilted up to a vertical position (taking care to keep the muzzle uppermost by removing the elevating screw and lifting the wheels off the ground.

The powder will then be poured in loose with a wooden scoop which will be supplied for the purpose by the Barrack Department.

The wheels to be carefully lowered and the elevating screw restored to its original position.

The charge will then be rammed home with a wad of old newspapers which will be supplied for the purpose from Regimental Libraries.

3. Except for Royal Salutes friction tubes will not be supplied.

The charge will be exploded by means of a hot coal to be supplied from Regimental cookshops—under orders from the D. A. A G.

4. The charge for Royal Salutes is not be exceed 10 drams.

5. Native Chiefs supplying their own powder will be entitled to fix their own charges, provided that in no instance such charges shall exceed twice the weight of the shot carried by the saluting ordnance.

6. Chiefs not supplying their own powder will be saluted with friction tubes only, and when practicable the cost of the tubes will be recovered from their respective treasuries through the Political Agents attached to their courts.

It having been notified that in some instances the pupils at classes of Garrison Instruction have known more than their Instructors, in future any officer undergoing a course of instruction who shall ask his Instructor any question which the said Instructor shall not be able to answer, shall be liable to be remanded to his Regiment and further to undergo any additional punishment that the General Commanding shall see fit to inflict. Garrison Instruction.

Instances having been adduced of Officers of the Bengal Cavalry, wearing while in plain clothes, playing, polo, &c., &c., their Regimental puggeries—such practice is directed to be discontinued." Dress.

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UNPREJUDICED JOURNALISM.

The *Himalaya Chronicle* says, heading the War Telegrams in a recent issue:—

"WE string together, in the order in which they have come to hand Reuter's war telegrams, and *leave to our readers' own judgment* to estimate the real position of affairs."

In the present age of special pleading this leaving it to the "readers' own judgment" must strike every one as remarkably fair. "There you are," says the *Chronicle*, "make what you like of it, you pays your money and you takes your choice. We have no opinion of our own and don't care to have any." Hooray for Mussoorie and its paper!

New Works.

Charivari observes that the *Englishman* announces the publication in its Saturday evening journal of a new work.

"ON HORSEBACK THROUGH ASIA MINOR, or five months with Turks, Christians and Devil worshippers." By Captain F. Burnaby."

We understand upon good authority that this is to be followed by:—

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE EXTRAORDINARY.

The *Nielgherry Courier* of the 19th ultimo has under the heading "Domestic Occurrences" the following near the bottom of the ultimate column of its third page:—

BIRTH.

McCALLUM.—At Ootacamund, on the 9th instant, the wife of J. D. Kellie McCallum, (late Lieutenant and Adjutant, 79th Q. O. Cameron Highlanders), of a daughter.

The announcement is not in itself extraordinary, but on the top of the first column in its fourth page we have it repeated. Is this a printer's error or is it a delicate way of announcing that the young lady is an accession to the ranks of the "twice born."

STAMPED.

We are happy to learn that the "*do nalli*" (double-barrelled) judgment of the Howrah Magistrate and his superior Grant, (who took for *Granted* all that Pellew stated in his judgment, a judgment which we call *polluted* law) in the Donnelly case has been quashed by the High Court. Thus ends another attempt to *stamp** out the rights of the English in India.

A NEW POET.

Charivari has to thank the leader for introducing him to a new poet. Though the name of Todhunter is suggestive rather of success in wooing the Mathematics than the Muses yet wrong indeed would he be who should, if "A Fruit piece" be a fair specimen of the rest of the book, pass by without notice "Laurella and other poems" on that account. The *Leader's* loving enthusiasm is worthily exhibited. The *Leader* quotes Tennyson *apropos* of the poem which to *Charivari* rather suggests in the luxuriance and sensuous fulness of its beauty the bard who sung of when—

"Ariadne was a vintager."

It is in fact a worthy echo of Keat's, whose style and diction is closely followed.

CONUNDRUM.

Why is a returned Irish emigrant like a man recovered from deafness?

Because he's "come back to Erin" (*hearing*).

* The attempt to stamp out was an anachronism, in fact a *post* age stamp attempt.—*Ed.'s note.*

HAZY STATISTICS.

IN this age we are nothing if not statistical, and as we must, it seems, be bored on all subjects under the sun with tabulated statements and columns of figures, it is as well to have them correct and explicit. *Charivari* observes in a contemporary that a return has been made of the persons sentenced to death for murder in England and Wales between the years 1873—76 The total number of persons in the four years sentenced, it appears from the totals, was 108 of whom forty-one were reprieved the remaining sixty-seven were executed, and of these five *only* were women. Now *Charivari* regards it as very flattering to the fair sex that so small a proportion of the executed criminals were women. If the return had stated how many of the reprieved were women also, it would perhaps have been more valuable in striking and average of the criminality of the sexes.

INDIAN SUMMER.

A correspondent sends us the following:—

For those who have borne in times of exceptional stress the burden and heat of the day, whose manhood has been passed in fierce and withering controversies, who have fought the fight of words and ideas which, beyond any others, provoke disquet, irritation, bitterness—Nature would seem to reserve an old age of almost "unique tranquillitiy," an "Indian summer" to illumine their declining years with a radiance, whose "peculiar peacefulness" is that which succeeds the storm. In the enjoyment of such a calm as this, the calm amid which the much wandering Ulysses prayed a gentle death might descend upon him."—*The World.*

To thoroughly understand the truth of the above sentimental extract, it should be read by an Anglo-Indian with a splitting headache caused by the heat in the plains of India, on the 24th May, with thermometer in the shade at 98° and a roaring hot wind outside the house. Lying gasping under a punkah, the Anglo-Indian is apt to speculate whether the writer of the above extract intends to end a life of toil on the "unique tranquillity" and peculiar peacefulness of an Indian summer,* and whether or not in such a case he will gladly pray that a "gentle death may descend upon him."

The way to do it.

The *Mirror* the other day announced that a certain Miss Mary Bell who married Baboo Tarabullub Chatterjee was an English lady. Next day the assertion is withdrawn and the *Mirror* finds "That writer of the para. In our local columns yester day made a mistake in stating that Miss. Mary Bell was an English lady. She is not. She was formerly a member of the native Christian community."

Very candidly retracted, but after all the false statement has gone forth and many who see it will not see the contradiction. *Charivari* wishes he could call this gentlemanly journalism, but if he did so, he would have to take a leaf out of *The Mirror's* Book and retract in his next issue.

RETALIATION!

The Sahib who beats his sweeper,
Because he never works;
Had better just be careful now,
The sweeper strikes!—and shirks!

A CURIOUS QUERY.

WHEN Lord Northbrook was Viceroy, we could understand Lord Salisbury's riding rough-shod over us in India; for, by virtue of his position as Secretary of State for India, he was then necessarily *over B(e)aring*; but what right has he to bully us now?

GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN:—The want of carriage facilities for bringing it to Bombay.

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Mamma.—DON'T STARE SO EDITH, GO AND PLAY IN THE GARDEN.
Edith.—I DON'T WANT TO PLAY, MY SWEETHEART'S GONE AWAY.
Mamma.—WHY, I THOUGHT COUSIN HARRY WAS YOUR SWEETHEART.
Edith (scornfully).—MAMMA! WHY HE'S ONLY FIFTEEN.

THE HOWRAH MAGISTRATE.

The proceedings against Miss Donnelly have been happily quashed, and we have been saved from the disgrace of having a young girl imprisoned on a charge so frivolous. But *Charivari* feels bound to inquire in the words of Laertes, "Must there no more be done?" Is justice still to be administered in Howrah by Mr. Pellew? Are the liberties and characters of Her Majesty's lieges to still be at the mercy of this gentleman, whose talent for insulting a barrister, or passing indefensible sentences appears about equal? How long is this sort of thing to continue? Mr. Pellew's talents may be many and varied, but do they lie in the judicial line? *Charivari* observes with pleasure that the *Bombay Gazette* is with him on this point. In its issue of the 22nd ultimo that paper says:—

"The animus shown by Mr. Pellew in his extraordinary efforts to convict this young European girl and to ruin her reputation by vile jail associations suggests that he is not a fit person to administer justice, and the public service will manifestly be improved by Mr. Pellew's removal from a post which he neither adorns nor does credit to. However much enthusiasm he showed in espousing the Post-master's opinion about Mary Donnelly's guilt, he did not show much common sense in presuming that his own evidence was sufficient to set aside her, seeing that he had subsequently to judge upon its value. Indeed, the utter stupidity of the proceeding is astounding, and Mr. Pellew had only to cross-examine himself upon his own evidence, and pat himself on the back for the lucidity of his statements, to make the scandalous absurdity complete."

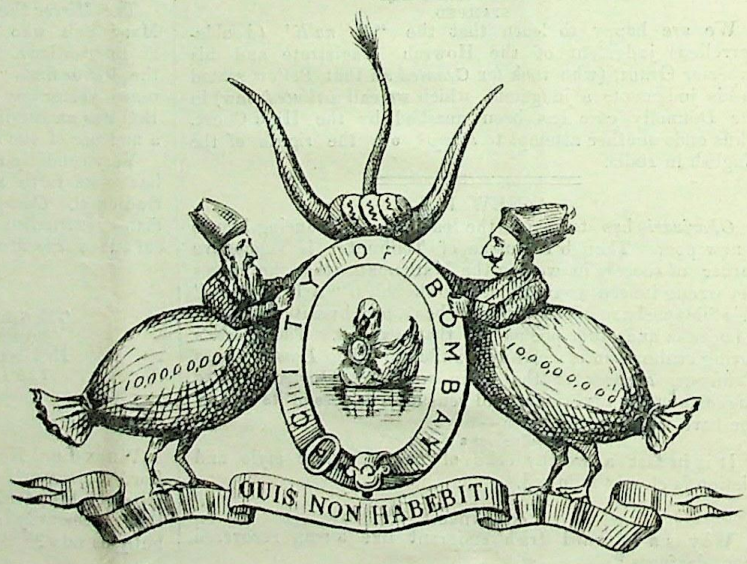
These be "prave 'ords," and true ones also, which is better still, and *Charivari* wishes he could hope they would be effective to the removal of the Howrah incubus. The public are pretty well agreed that they could do without Mr. Pellew. They feel that they have scarcely deserved him, and if the legal luminary of Hooghly who confirmed Miss Donnelly's sentence could also be improved off the list of Indian judges the loss would not be without its compensations.

CHARMING CANDOUR.

Though doctors have no doubt frequently caused the death of patients, and have by unwise treatment induced the diseases to which they have ultimately succumbed, it is not frequently that the disciples of Galen have the candour to confess it. Here, however, we have, according to the *Madras Mail*, one doctor at least admitting his share in a patient's death in a manner at once *naive* and refreshing.

"SURGEON-Major writes:—"I have read in your issue of the 30th ultimo your remarks on a report of the treatment of abscess of the liver by tapping, in the Cannanore Dispensary. I beg to observe that the European referred to was not treated in the dispensary, he being the guest of Dr. Fletcher, under whose able and entire charge he remained for the greater part of his illness, myself and Dr. Holton occasionally assisting. *He ultimately became my patient and died from gangrene and exhaustion.* The liver was quite healthy, and had no appearance of abscess. My reason for writing to you, and not to a medical paper, is to correct what appears to be an error."

The italics are ours. We recommend this straightforward and open confession to the imitation of the medical profession generally.



SUGGESTION TO THE DUCKS FOR A MUNICIPAL COAT OF ARMS.
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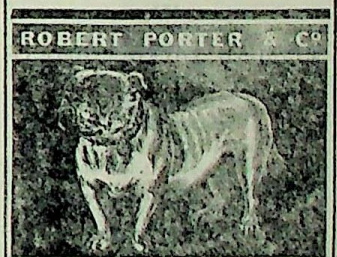
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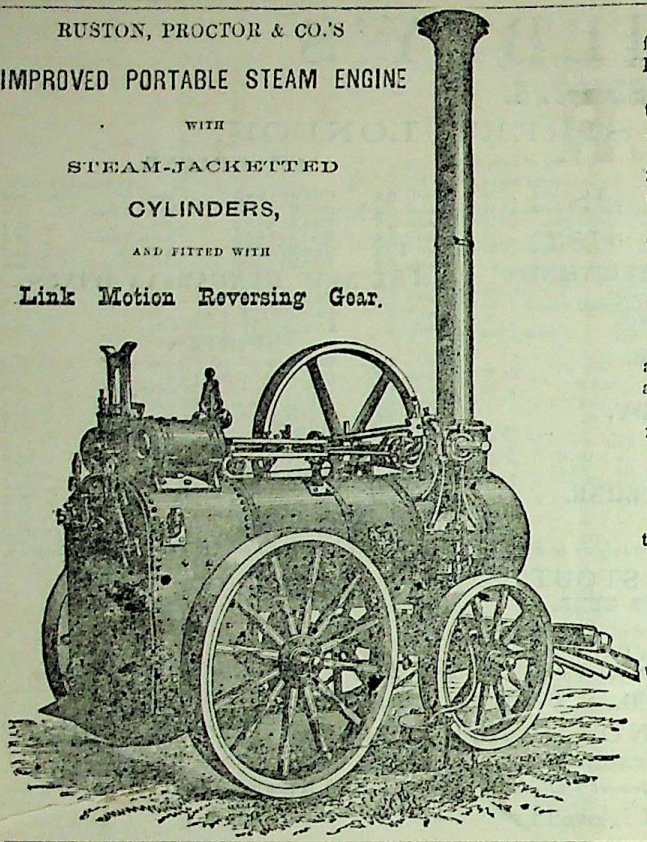
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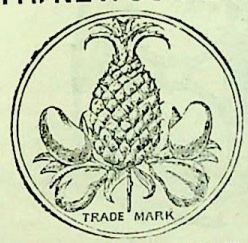
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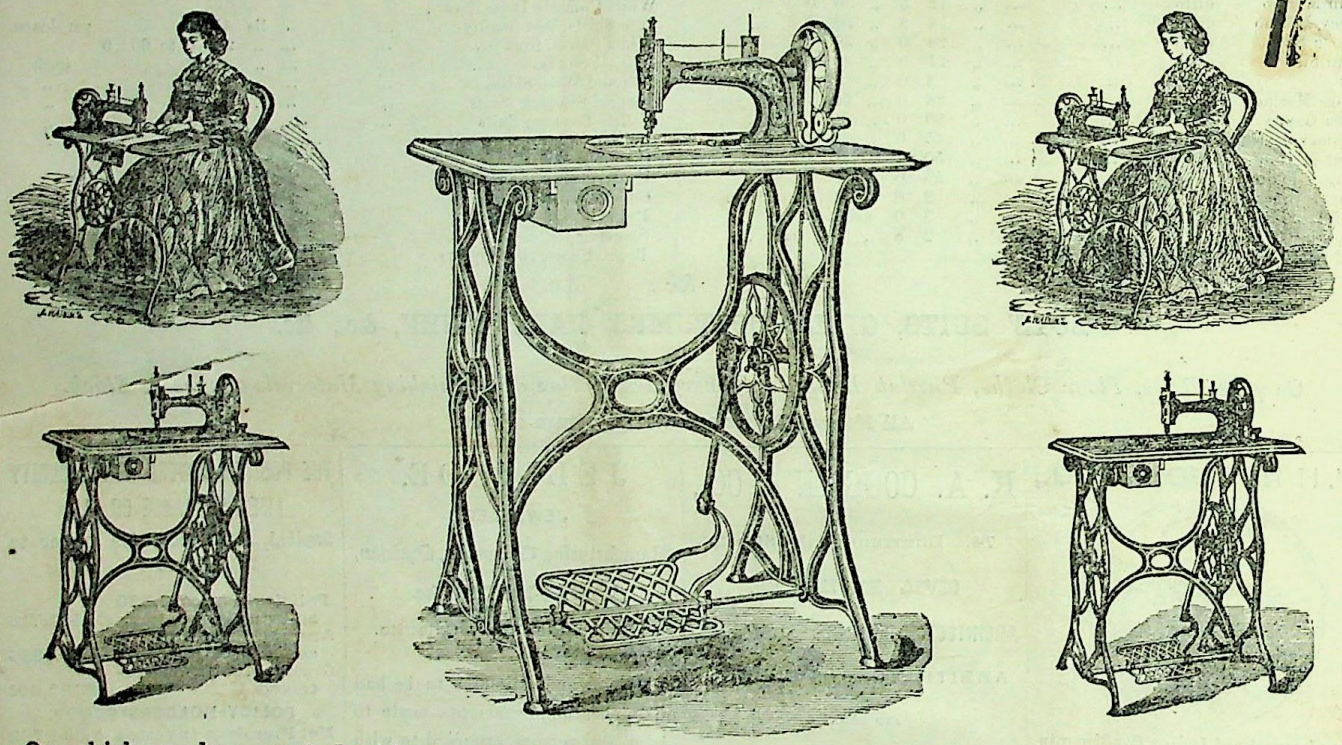
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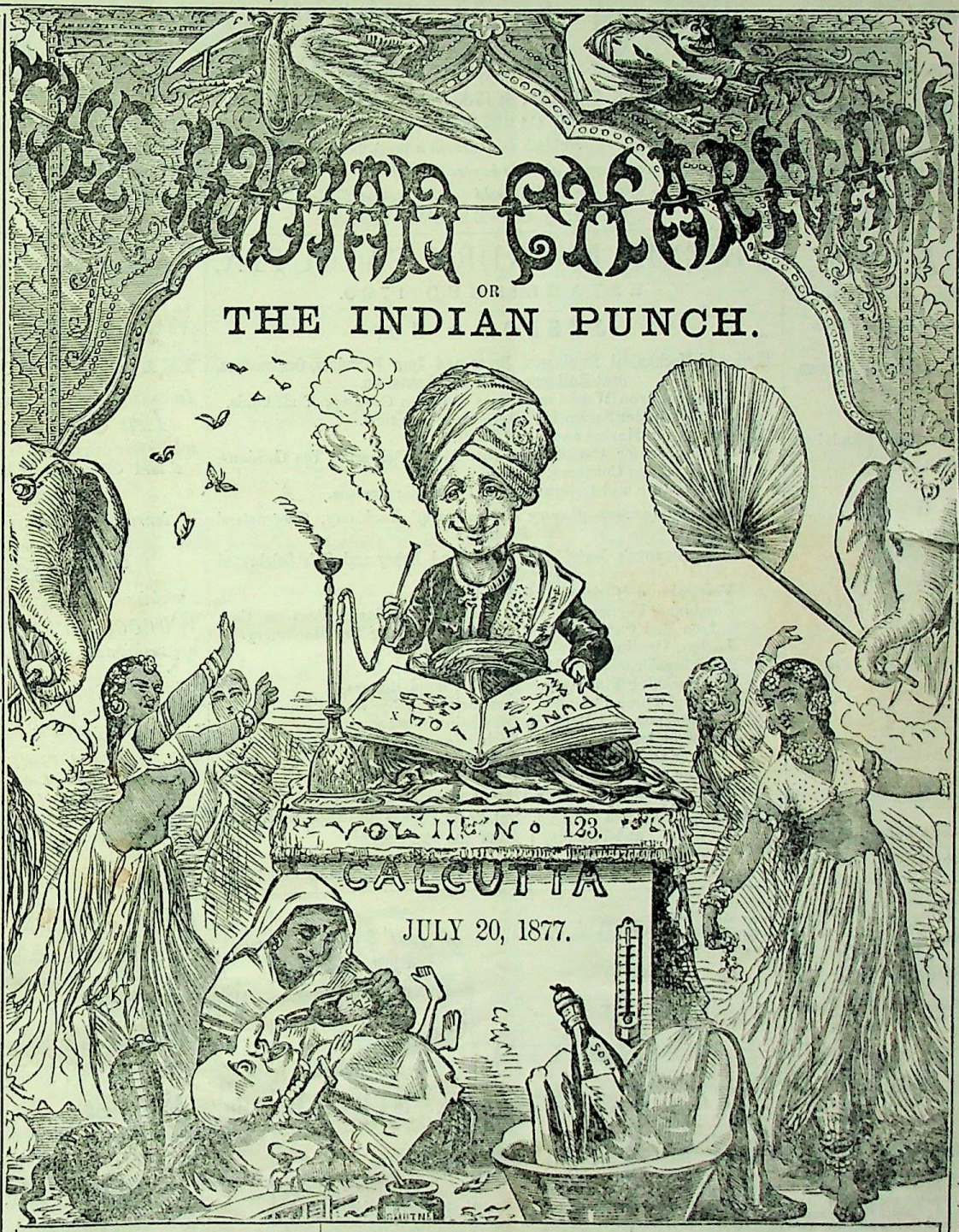
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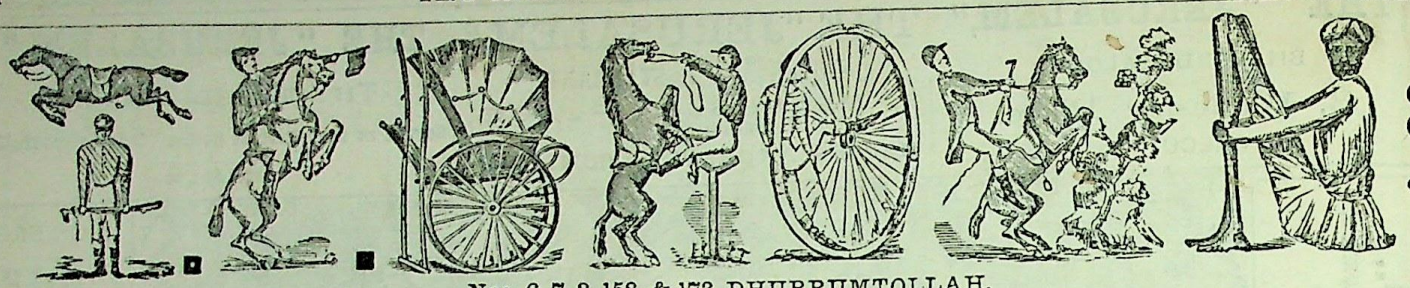
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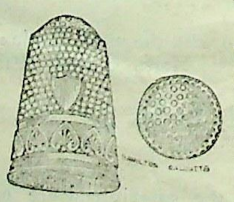
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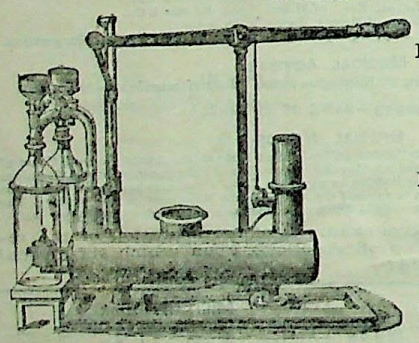
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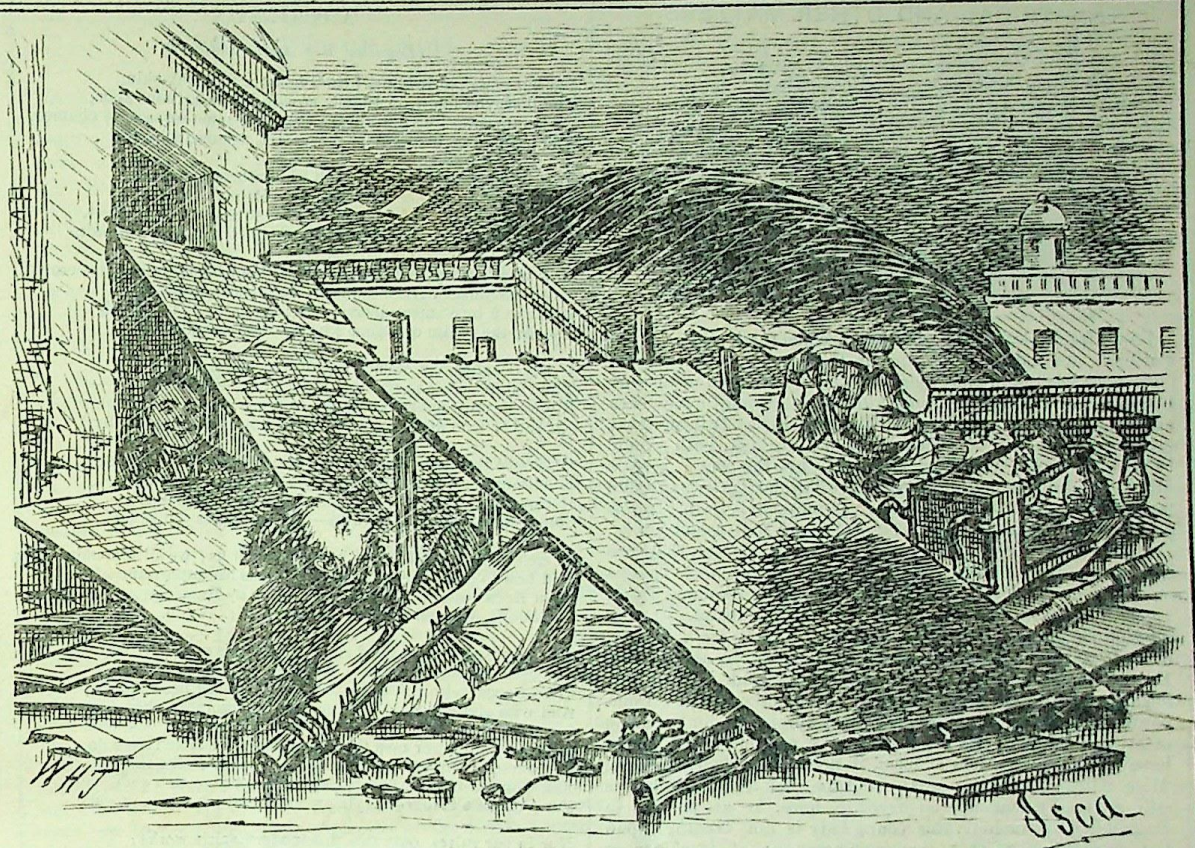
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NURSERY RHYMES FOR THE TIMES.

Apropos of the Loan from Native Princes.

1

Sing a song of rupees,
Famine in the land,
Many native princes,
Money got in hand.
The chief was in his durbar,
Counting out his money,
Lord Lytton up at Simla,
Writing notes like honey.
Chapman in his office,
Counting ways and means.
In comes Johnny Strachey,
Robs both kings and queens.

2

Baa, Baa, black chief,
Have you any tin?
Lord Saheb, I've got,
Little but my skin;
There's half for the Ranees,
And half for the state,
So I pray you, Lord Saheb,
Be considerate.

Buck.

Self Evident.—Now the Russians are at Tirnova; it is time for Turkey to *turn over* a new leaf.

CHARIVARI'S ILLUSTRATIONS OF SPORTING TERMS.

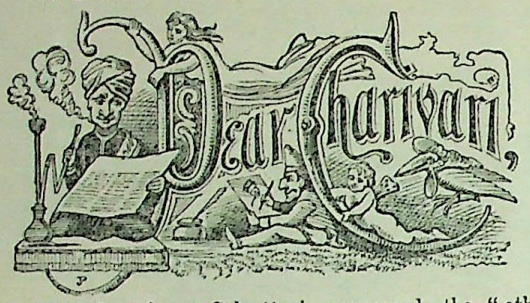


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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



I am afraid, as far as Calcutta is concerned, the "other matters" are solus, as nothing in the way of theatrical performances has taken place here, and if it had been otherwise, I don't think overwhelming audiences would have been attracted. Fancy, either of the theatres with a full audience in this weather, Sir!* Theatricals in a Turkish bath would be nothing to it. "Happy thought" by the way; give a Monsoon performance and play "The Turkish bath;" splendid farce, Sir—and advertise in place of punkahs, Bath Towels provided for the audience. The idea is not half a bad 'un.†

But though nothing theatrical is astir in Calcutta, there are indications further afield that the merry children of Thespis are doing something in the other Presidencies. Madame Tasca, I observe, has reached Bangalore with her Company, Sir, and, judging from notices in the local papers, is doing well. Morris, of Protean Entertainment celebrity, and lately attached to Dave Carson's Troupe, has joined Madame, and is also performing. After these two, the special attraction of the Company appears to be a young lady, who is singing under the name of Miss Elcia May, not Miss *Alice* May, as some of the papers have it in their notices at least, if not in the advertisements. Miss Alice May, who was some time back a popular, and is still a freshly-remembered favorite here, is at present in England. Let us hope this young lady is not trading upon the assumption of that favorite's name, or at least one so similar as to deceive the general public. If I am wrong, Sir, I beg the young lady's pardon. But then such strange little bits of professional sharp practice occur. A young and promising singer has been known to arrive in a country, say India for example, as a subordinate supporter of the Prima Donna. In that position she sings fairly well, and makes a favorable, but not great, impression under what is presumably her own name—Johnson or Thomson for instance. The company departs, and lo, in a year or two "the Thomson" returns to the neighbourhood, *if not the exact scene* of the Prima Donna's triumph, and bearing a name very strongly resembling the one borne by her whilom mistress in the art of song. This sort of thing strikes your representative as not exactly

"The O. K. thing to do."

Of course these remarks are intended as a general protest, and not directed specially against any one. This young lady may and very likely has as much right to the name she bears as most other professional people have to their's.

I see, Sir, the *Englishman* is "to the fore" with a note on the preservation of Fish *apropos* to Mr. Rainey's report thereanent, and asks very pertinently about the promised supply of sea-fish for the Calcutta market. Why dont they do it, Sir? No one could stigmatise their (the fishes) advent here, even on the largest scale, as a scaly proceeding. The "harmless necessary" Khansamah and his bazaar accounts are also attracting attention just now, and your representative, Sir, hopes something may be done to check the extortion of the delightful race who, under the name of servants, really rule us with a rod of iron. It is, alas, too true, Sir, that

"The trail of the *Native* is over us all."

* We refuse to fancy any thing so improbable.—ED.

† Not a *doubly* bad 'un, Baden Baden in fact.—ED.

A PORTENT.

(*Loquitor Bos Anglo-Indicus.*)

I'm but a simple Briton—I can't boast a swarthy skin,
And that, you know, in India's now-a-days a heinous skin;
"This thusness" wasn't always so—once some respect we claimed,
And a Sahib of his Sahibship was not, as now, ashamed.

Then India wasn't overrun with philanthropic fools,
Only too willing to be made the wily Baboo's tools;
We had some notion, then, of how to govern what we'd got,
And then to cheeky subjects we could give it, strong and hot.

Now what's the pass we've come to? He who represents the crown,
Before astonished Natives in low salaams bows down,
Backed up by SALISBURISKI, 'cute IGNATIEFF's fast friend,
To gain the praise of Baboo's being their worthy end.

If any Englishman offends one of the ruling race,
The Hakim who's to try him, if he's to keep his place,
Knows he must punish savagely, or those who rule on high,
(Or rather who are Baboo-ruled will know the reason why.)

Of course the great Panjandrum who this good example sets,
Is followed by the smaller fry, who'd like to be his pets,
If Governors they be, or if as L. Gs. known to fame,
Commissioners or Magistrates—it's very much the same.

There's DICK of the Ducks who *was* with us; we all remember him,
And how to court the Natives' smile was his unpleasant whim;
Then BUCKINGHAM *and* CHANDOS, who by RAMASAWMY's held,
Let's hope, a model ruler, if not so by Mr. WELD.

Then there's our own good ruler who of his earlier years,
The great exploit to imitate, elsewhere to wish appears,
Who Bengal with ruined factories embellished near and far,
And with similar mementos now would decorate Behar.

And when obscurer men than these see what their rulers do,
Of course to win promotion they are quick to take the cue;
Ask GORDON from Orissa (pr'aps he's not forgotten yet),
From officials favour-currying what treatment one may get.

Nor in our rulers only this fine modern spirit works;
Some non-officials like to paint their countrymen as Turks,
And the Anglo-Indian writer of the Namby-Pamby school,
Argues with windy Baboos about the right to rule!!!

To think that I was once *Romanus Civis* called by PAM!
He'd call me *Servus Indicus* could he see what I *am*!
Where is it all to end, d'ye say? I think there is not much doubt,
Exit JOHN BULL, with Folly—enter Russia, with the Knout.

OMINOUS INDEED.

Charivari finds the following in a recent issue of a contemporary:—

"The Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab has sanctioned the levying of a prohibitive tax on game brought within Municipal limits for the Municipalities of Simla, Dalhousie, Dharmsala, and Delhi. This will be in a measure a check, as the birds are mostly shot or trapped for sale in the large towns. The bird which has suffered most from wanton destruction, is the *moral* whose plumes are still in great demand in the London market."

From this extract it would seem that there must be grounds indeed for the outcry in the Home Press against the prevailing looseness of manners in the upper circles of London life. But *Charivari* was not prepared till now to believe, that in the absence of virtue, the ladies had carried their shamelessness so far as to flaunt in the plumes of dead morals like an Indian tricked out in the scalps of his slain enemies. Perhaps however it may not be so bad as it seems. The fair sex may consider themselves *un*fairly aspersed and wear the plumage of the *moral* as the "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace," and as a protest against the blunders of those who assert they have lost it.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

By D. I. S. CONTENT, ESQ.

AN old chum of mine once wrote a clever little book, entitled the "Choice of a Profession." I have read it, but it hasn't done me much good I'm afraid. When I left England for India, my poor old Uncle Major Murridge's advice was, "get into the Civil Service." I sometimes wish that I had taken his advice. But after all I like to associate with gentlemen. My experience is, that "Civil Service" is a misnomer. Call upon one of the heads of a department, and ask for a berth, and you'll find yourself most likely jumping down three stairs at once. That step may be at least said to be conducive to energy: but should you succeed in getting an appointment, you will find the office hours in the Civil Service are, for the Chiefs, 12 to 2 o'clock, and an hour for tiffin; for Baboos, 10 to 4, and four hours for sleep. If you ask the latter a question in office hours, they open their eyes and say "I beg your pardon." In hot weather, and when there are many in one room together, you will soon "nose" them. Hem!—Shakespeare! Cocoanut oil for them has greater charms than Bergamot or Frangipani. This drives many a good man to drink; hence my reason for not getting into the Civil Service.

Then there's the Pilot Service and the Police. If you are of an imaginative turn and inclined to fiction, the first will just suit you; but if a life of indolence and ease is what you perfer, why, I say, get made an inspector of police. Both services appear to have plenty of time to spare, and this the members, for the most part, devote to billiards. I am ready to make you a sporting offer, Sir, that you shall visit any of the billiard rooms in town, between the hours of one and six in the afternoon, and you shall find either a Pilot or a Policeman playing.

I thought at first that I should like to be a Pilot. I have been told all you have to do on board ship is, drink Brandy and Soda, and wear a gold lace cap, brass buttons, and gloves; then you come up to town and go to Andrews' or the Great Eastern, and tell—stories. This would have suited me.*

After that, when I saw Major Percy riding about on his white horse, and attending all the Theatres and Concerts? "Hang it!" I said, "that's it; I'll get into the Police."

I often fancy, broking must be a good thing. I have half a mind to try that. There's little Tom Trott; he is a broker and keeps a brougham, also drinks Champagne. But so did Swindle and Trickett, and one or two of my other friends who have lately been introduced to Mr. Justice Kennedy. I don't think that introduction was at all satisfactory or agreeable to them. He must have told them I think not to drink wine, nor ride in broughams, because they don't do so now. What constitutes a broker? Has the substantive any connection with the verb? Mem, write and ask Max Müller. Tom Trott tells me that he sells shares and stocks. If he means plough shares and cravats, I shant be a broker, because he must be either an ironmonger or a haberdasher, which means trade, and my uncle would never like that.

I think, after all, that I'll be a merchant. They must make a lot of money. See what splendid houses they live in, and what carriages they ride about in! My uncle was wrong about the Civil Service he should have said; "Try and be a merchant." Now I do know something about tea. At least my aunt used to take it extensively, and I always used to visit her at Christmas. Dear me! It seems only yesterday when I accompanied the old lady to a tea—fight at her Chapel. "I hope your tea's agreeable, Mrs. Murridge," says the Revd. Jabez Giveitem with a sweet smile. "No Sir," replied my aunt with severity; "its neither sweet enough nor strong enough." Now my aunt knew good tea from bad, and so do I. I think I'll be a tea merchant. Tea naturally leads to sugar, and in sugar I qualified at a very early age. I fancy hard bake and lolipops are made from sugar. If so, there are two branches of a merchant's business with which I am thoroughly acquainted. And with jute too I shall be perhaps by and bye. "Yes, when it's manufactured into rope there isn't a doubt," remarks that rough, matter of fact, Charlie Pegger, who has been looking over my shoulder. I shant write any more at present, as he interferes. So "anon! sir anon!"

* Admirably we should imagine.—*Ed.*

THE SMITHINGTONS IN CAMP.

SCENE:—*A single-poled tent, a shamiyanah, a kitchen shauldari in the distance, native servants squatting round camp-fires, Mr. and Mrs. Smithington sitting over a stove at a door of the tent.*

TIME:—Evening in February.

MRS. SMITHINGTON (*loquitur*):—The *Pall Mall Budget* of December 16th, and *Punch* of last October! What are we coming to, Mr. Smithington? I wish you would wake up and write to Jones, that precious secretary of our Book Club, and suggest to him that we don't want quite such stale papers.

MR. S.—(*Dreamily Knocking the ashes out of his pipe*) Ah! Twenty stripes. Yes, he deserves twenty. Wonder if a year wouldn't be better? But no, he can't appeal against stripes. (*Starting and turning to Mrs. S.*) Beg pardon, my love, did you speak?

MR. S.—Yes I did Mr. Smithington, and that makes the fifteenth time this very evening you've asked me if a year wouldn't be better. Pray, what *do* you mean? Must you for ever be talking Cutchery? Here am I left alone the livelong day, and in the evening when I try to get you to speak to me, you can't drop your wretched cases. I'm sure, I wish the natives were all——

MR. S.—(*Apologetically*) My dear!—I really—I must have been dozing. (*Soliloquizes*) Let; me see two ducks and a snipe, five shots. Must sell that gun. Wonder if Jones would buy it. What was that, my love, you were asking about Jones?

MR. S.—Why, I almost forget, you put it out of my head.

MR. S.—Oh! Pray don't trouble to remember it, dear. Yes, a hundred wouldn't be too much. I paid eighty for it five years ago, and Jones is green. He bought Jackson's screw of a pony for two fifty. Hi there! Bearer, you, *whusky shurab lao.*

BEARER (*Emerging slowly from the gloom*)—*Ap ne bulaya to?*

MR. S.—*Aur kya! Shrab kyun nahin laya.*

BEARER.—*Main nahin suna, ab lata.*

MR. S.—You, *Gadha, jaldi lao.* (*To Mrs. S.*) Well, my love, what d'ye say to turning in soon?

MRS. S.—I thought so! Here have I been patiently waiting for hours to get an answer to my question and——

MR. S.—(*Slowly moving towards the interior of tent*) *Jaldi lao shrab kahan hai bearer?*

BEARER.—(*Faintly in the far distance*) *Khudawand!*

MRS. S. (*Alone sadly.*)—Thus it is always. He gets up before day-break and goes off to shoot. He comes back at noon, and is too cross and hungry to speak to me. Then he goes to Cutchery and leaves off only for dinner. After dinner he sleeps and——but there, what's the use? I suppose it won't last for ever.

MR. S. (*Sleepily from the interior.*)—*Qui hye? Sh-a-rab whusky sh-a-rab lao*, bearer (*snores*).

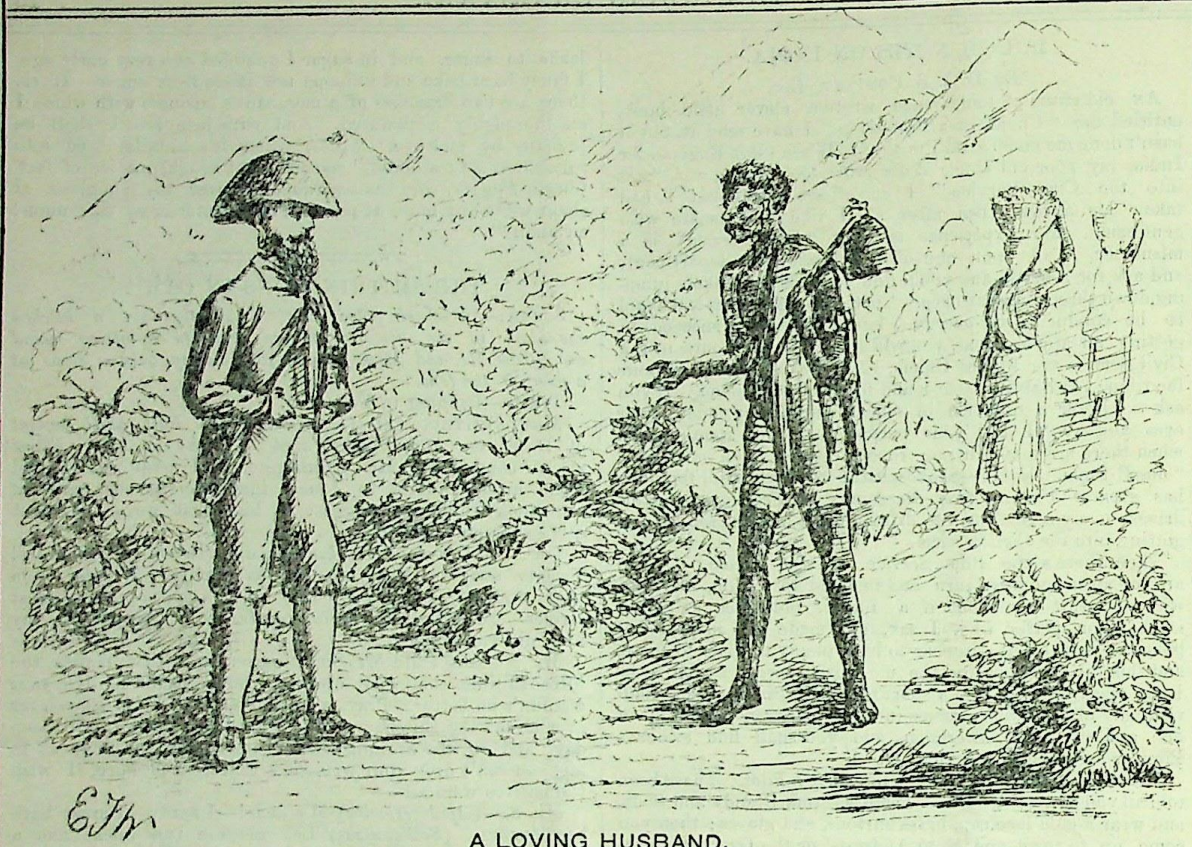
BEARER (*Half an hour later at door of tent*)—*Huzoor, whusky shrab manga. Khansama kahta koi hai nahin. Bakri log sab pilya.*

MR. S. (*Now quite awake*)—You confounded. *Achcha, fajr dekha jaega.*

Jackals howl in the distance, and the Night birds scream, and all is peace once more. Scene closes.

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A LOVING HUSBAND.

Being a free translation from the original Canarese.

Planter.—"WANT A LETTER TO THE MAGISTRATE TO SEE YOUR WIFE? WELL, LOOK HERE, ITS NO USE YOUR TRYING TO GET HER OUT OF JAIL, IF SHE WILL STEAL COFFEE SHE MUST TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

Coolie indifferently.—MASTER PLEASE, MY WIFE IN JAIL, *that* NO MATTER. WHAT I CARE? BUT (*wish great interest*) THEY TELL ME *she has a rupee*, AND I VERY MUCH WANT TO GET IT FROM HER!!

THE REASON WHY.

Thoughtless persons have, *Charivari* observes, expressed themselves unable to understand the reason why Sir George Nares and Pundit Nya Singh have been selected as the recipients of the Royal Geographical Society's Prize medal. The principle of the selection seems to *Charivari* simple enough. The Pundit, without any aid or assistance, traversed and surveyed about three thousand miles of previously unknown country. Sir George Nares, on the other hand with every assistance that wealth, intelligence, and science could give him, failed through his own blundering and carelessness to do what he was sent out to accomplish, and the medals were plainly awarded on the principle which obtains in Raffles of giving one prize to the highest, and the other to the lowest thrower. The Pundit got his medal for accomplishing so much with so little; and Sir George received his for doing so little with so much.

Nothing Extraordinary.

Charivari notices in a contemporary a list of names of persons lately gone over to "the majority," figuring under the title "Obituary of the *Weak*." At first this seemed to be a mere printer's error, but gradually it dawned upon him that there was a fine propriety in the title. Of course, it is from the ranks of "the weak" that Obituary lists are recruited chiefly; the strong don't trouble their compilers much.

UNREASONABLE INDEED.

Our recent issue has been so unfortunate as to incur the censure of the *Hindoo Patriot*. Thus saith that journal on the 9th instant:—

"WE have received the last number of the *Indian Charivari*. Mr. Gubboy is the subject of the Album portrait. We cannot commend the likeness. The jokes in this number are rather heavy."

We are not careful to answer in this matter, but we are honestly at a loss to know how the *Patriot* could complain of what we in our ignorance should have thought would have been a recommendation in the eyes of that journal—the heaviness of our jokes. Believing as we do that

"Like turns to like, as sunflowers to the sun,"

By all parity of reasoning the ponderosity of our jocularity should have drawn encomiums of congenial dulness from our contemporary. We consider the treatment we have received at his hands unfair.

HEAR THE BENIGHTED.

A correspondent of the *Madras Mail* wishes to know if the *Flora Indica* of Dr. Hooker is any relation of the celebrated *Flora Macdonald!*

[This semi-lunatic is in custody.]*

* *Very proper too.*—ED., *Charivari.*

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A PRECEDENT FOR PRECEDENCE.

Vires acquirit eundo (Free translation) He becomes the biggest swell who walk first in to-dinner.

That enlightened and enlightening journal *The Times of India*, somehow or other managed to get hold of what it thought was the new warrant of precedence in India, and published it accordingly. Of course, as every bit of early or interesting news published in one paper is copied into all the other papers throughout India, every paper in India copied the supposed warrant of precedence. Alas for them all, in a few days a Government Communiqué announced that this warrant was not warranted to hold water, in fact was not the right thing at all, and the Government is still supposed to be issuing a writ of *quo warranto* to find out how the *Times of India* had got hold of a copy of one of the "Rejected addresses." But it is a matter of astonishment to *Charivari* that any one, much less many editors, should have been deceived by the supposed warrant for a moment. The supposition was quite unwarrantable that it could be correct. Where were our Aryan brethren in the list, and more important still, where, oh where was *Charivari*? In this age when a black face is better than a white one in this country if you wish to gain the favour of our rulers, it was not possible that there could be a correct list of precedence which did not show the natives as preceding their white conquerors. We may say, in strict confidence, that the list as published is all a fudge. On such an important question Lord L——n, who never goes to bed unless the last number of *Charivari* is placed at his bedside to amuse him, should Morpheus refuse to visit him, or to inspire him with a bright idea the first thing in the morning—was not likely to have omitted to consult his most trusted adviser and bedside companion *Charivari*. Telegrams on the important subject have passed between us daily for months, until Sir J. S——y put a stop to them by objecting to the expense, when all his spare money was wanted for the famine and the public would not lend him any more at the price he wanted. We consider therefore that we have been badly treated by the Government, and, in spite, will so far violate the confidence that has been reposed in us, by giving a few extracts from the last Precedence Table turned out by self and partner. This we may call turning the table with a vengeance, but here goes:—

"Victoria, &c., &c., Queen, Defender of the Faiths (Christian, Hindu, Mahammadan, Buddhist, Parsi, Jew, and no faith in particular included) Empress of India.

To all whom in our presence shall come, greeting. How do you do?

Whereas it has been represented to us that some one must always go before some one else, some one else coming after, so long as and until the doors of palaces and places of reception remain at their present size. And whereas it has come to our royal and imperial knowledge that in endeavouring to enter such palaces and places of reception in this our Empire of India, on the occasion of divers and sundry receptions, Smith has preceded Brown and both have pushed Rambux on one side, to the damage of the said Rambux and our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and that unseemly disputes have been thereby caused almost in the presence of us, or of our Vice-Empress. Now know ye that we do hereby, setting all other causes and excuses aside, declare this to be our last will and testament with respect to the rank and precedence of the persons hereinafter named, and thereto I plight thee my troth, *viz*:—

Governor General and Viceroy of India.
Editor of *Charivari* for the time being.
A representative of Bombay (Primus in India, this time only tertius)
Native Generals of the British Army.
All sorts of Governors and Lieutenant Governors (N. B.—Native Governors and Lieutenant Governors to have precedence when appointed)
The Commander-in-Chief
The Native Judges of High Courts.
British Chief Justices.
The Mohant of Tarakessar, the Chief Mohammadan Cazi, the Parsi and Jewish Chief Priests.
The Metropolitan of India.
The Native representatives of Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras.
Members of Viceregal Council. Native members first.
Chief Commissioners, Political Agents, Residents, Puisne Judges. *et hoc genus omne*
The Editors of native papers.
Additional members of all sorts of Councils, when required.
Secretaries. (Financial Secretary first, as money is the chief object.
British Generals,
Vice-Chancellors and Native Vice-Chairmen of Municipalities.
Civilians of upwards of fifty years standing, (no sitting allowed)
Municipal Melters on strike.
All sorts of Civilians, Military Officers, Sanitary Commissioners.
Advocate Generals and others (the fewer the better)
Any one else who can get a friend to introduce him.

(N.B.)—No digging with the elbows, treading on toes, or chewing pan allowed at public receptions.

Nothing in the foregoing rules to disturb the existing practice or anything or anybody.

All ladies to take rank in open order (N. B.—This has no allusion to the present fashion of dressing) according to the rank assigned to their present or any future husband, with the exception of those having rank of their own in that case made and provided for

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND.
Charivari.

REPORTING EXTRAORDINARY.

OUR able and courteous contemporary the *Civil and Military Gazette* seems to rejoice in a reporter who must be the very pearl, nay the Nonpareil of his tribe. A man who, however large the honorarium which the liberality of our Lahore contemporary allows him may be, must be throwing away his opportunities in Asia. Europe is the only field for a genius so omniscient to get full play for its powers. In proof of our assertion we quote from our contemporary's issue of the twelfth current:—

We hear of an unfortunate occurrence which has recently happened in the Fort Hospital at Delhi. A patient got up in the night and went out into the verandah. Finding the punkah coolie asleep he gave him a kick to awake him. The unfortunate coolie had a diseased spleen, which was ruptured by the kick, and died in half an hour. The soldier who inflicted the injury has not been discovered, but as no sign of external injury could be perceived on the coolie's body, his death was evidently the result of a very slight blow given probably with the naked foot.

But the misadventure should teach caution, and irritated European soldiers would do well not to strike or kick any native under any circumstances whatever. We cannot afford to have any more Fuller cases.

As no one has discovered the soldier, and he has presumably been silent, who is said to have kicked the coolie, ordinary people would have come to the conclusion that a verdict of death from rupture of the spleen resulting from causes unknown would have been all that could have been arrived at. But our contemporary's reporter has means of information beyond the common herd's comprehension, he knows all about the irate soldier, his actions in the dead of night, and the duration of the doomed coolie's life after the assault, and, though mercifully refraining from denouncing the culprit, takes occasion to draw a fine moral lesson of warning and caution to other soldiers who may be similarly circumstanced:—

"Had he been one of us, he would have made
A great detectsve"

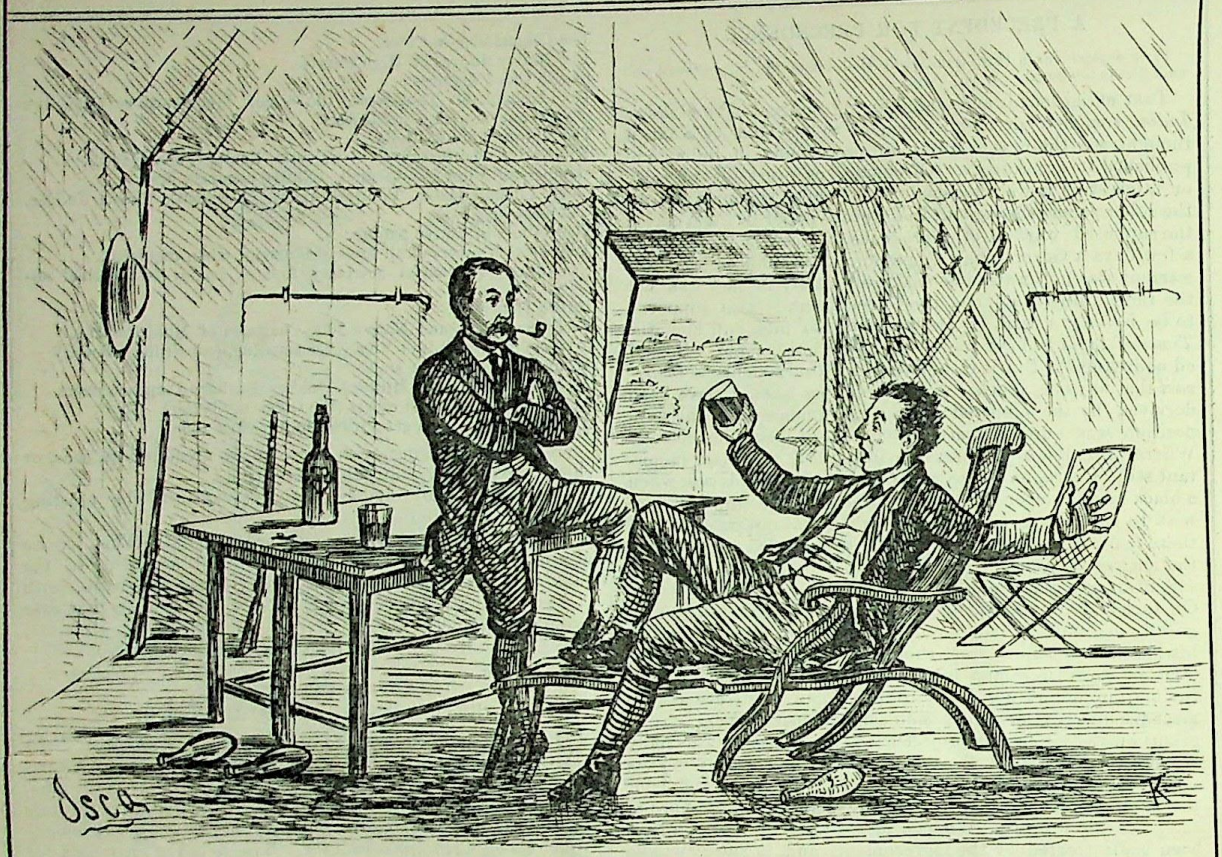
So we can imagine one of that force soliloquizing in lines slightly altered from Manfred, on perusing the account.

FINISHING LINES TO THE OBADIAHS.

Said the Great Alexander to the other Alexander,
How 'ard (Howard) we didn't win the Umballa Sweep.
Let us weep—let us weep.

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NEMESIS.

JONES, WHO HAS BEEN DRINKING VERY HARD OUT IN HIS FRIENDS CAMP, HAS BEEN TOLD BY HIM OF SEVERAL CASES OF *spontaneous combustion* BROUGHT ON BY EXCESSIVE USE OF SPIRITS. WHILE LACING HIS BOOT THIS MORNING, SOME FIRE DROPS OUT OF HIS PIPE AND SMOULDERS UNPERCEIVED ON HIS STOCKING. WHEN AT LAST HE SEES THE SMOKE, HE EXCLAIMS IN HORROR TO HIS FRIEND, "OH LORD! IT HAS COME AT LAST !!!

MORE FUN GAS (FUNGUS.)

Another good man who has gone wrong: writes as follows at the setting in of the rains:—

I had mushroom for breakfast, mushroom for tiffin, mushroom for dinner, and after that I hadn't much (er) room or any thing else.

Sporting.

"WHO IS SILVIA?" says one of our beautiful old madrigals; but no one thought of asking Who was Silvio? until he won the Blue Ribband of the Turf for the lucky and popular Lord Falmouth.

FREE TRASLATION.

PRIMO AVULSO, NON DEFICIT ALTER, which may be freely translated—

"When the Marshal disappears,
France can count on Mr. Thiers!"

CONUNDRUM.

Q. If a Russian invasion of India takes place, what melody would be the most effective in driving it back.

A. "The Rose of Castile." (*The rows of cast steel*) *viz.* "fixed bayonets."

THE NOSE MACHINE.

THE NOSE MACHINE.—A contrivance which, applied to the nose for an hour daily, so directs the soft cartilage of which the member consists that an ill-formed nose is quickly shaped to perfection. Any one can use them. Price, 10s. 6d., sent by pattern post for 11s.—ALEX. ROSS, 248, High Holborn, London, England.—*See advertizing columns of Englishman.*

Now come all you people whose nasal proportions
Are not framed on Apollo's or Antinous' lines,
Conk, turn up, or snub and the nameless abortions,
Whose *raison d etre* no mortal divines.

Now easily rid of all bulgy excrescence
Each nose in proportionate beauty may shine,
As handsome an organ as e'er sniffed an essence,
Or took in of some *ragout* the odour divine.

And who must we thank for this wondrous invention,
Which straightens the bridge that the spectacles cross?
And with pleasure and pride *Charivari* makes mention,
Of "Sandy" ye ken sirs the new "Man of Ross"

So here's to his health! Without further apology
A Bumper let's drain, that's been filled to the brim,
Three cheers for this new and more pleasant nosology,
And for Sandy, we maun ha'e three mair cheers for him.

A PUZZLING GAME FOR THE BOYS. Spinning the top of a Mountain.

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OUR SILLY SEASON.

Mr. Charivari.—Dont know what to do for a subject Toby. *Toby (with Punch cartoon)* Try this style master.
Mr. Charivari.—Will they stand it Toby? You see, we're only the *SECOND* and not the *FIRST* comic paper in the world.

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BACHELOR'S QUARTERS.

JONES—(*roused by knocking at the door.*)—"KON SOOR KA BUCHA HAI ?" (*What son of a Pig is that.*)
(*Old Lady retires in high dudgeon.*)

THERE'S REASON IN IT.

MR. CHARIVARI,—I am a plain man, and don't pretend to much wit; and I have no doubt what I am going to say will seem extremely foolish to those intelligent persons who write for the papers, but I want to know, Sir, how it is that every invention for the improvement of war-weapons is so publicly ventilated by the press. The intelligence and wealth of England, in the absence of great armaments, seem to my limited comprehension her best safeguard and a means for procuring those weapons which may give to her an advantage in the game of war in the event, not improbable, of her having to fight, perhaps, against a coalition of nations jealous of her greatness. Why is it then that every improvement in arms of precision, every new invention, the torpedo for instance, which she might have secured solely to herself is made a present to the world by the publicity given to each and all in the newspapers?

These reflections have been forced upon me, Sir, by an article which appears in a contemporary of yours about a new "range finder," which an artillery officer at Malta is said to have invented. It seems to my limited comprehension that, if the officer has discovered any such improvement on our artillery practice, it would have been better to have kept "dark"—to have perfected it quietly, and said nothing about it, except to the authorities at the War Office, and then, if found to be as useful, as its inventor appears to believe, it should have been silently adopted. The service trained to use it, and the secret kept. Then in the event of war, England would have been armed with a power unsuspected by her enemies. But now, Sir, we print all this, and the world has the benefit of our inventions, added to its own, which it does not give us in return.

Verily, what with our newspapers and free discussions, we arm our enemies against ourselves. Shakspeare must have had this sort of thing in his eye when he said,—

"There are a kind of men so loose of soul,
That in their sleeps will mutter their affairs."

And this is precisely what, in the sleep of our insolent and fancied security, we do. I hope, Sir, we shall not be rudely awakened by disaster and defeat.

Yours, &c., A. GRUMBLER.

Independence for the Colonies.

Instead of Fashions from Paris, the Age now prints a column of "Collins' Street Fashions."

Oh the Yankee may boast of his fourth of July
And his whopping our soldiers and sailors;
But now he's eclipsed, and a new race has come
Who are more independent.—The Walers.

If it is not the men, still the women can boast,
That they've found out the best of all tailors,
No longer to Paris or London they send
For their Fashions—These go ahead Walers.

That the truth I declare, I am ready to swear,
And to prove it against all assailers;
For I read in *The Age*, on the very first page,
"Collins' Street Fashions" made for the Walers.

Independence like this is much is much better than Miss
Or Madame turning soldiers or sailors;
They are doctors I know, in the pulpit some show,
But can't boast their own fashions like Walers.

BUCK.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.



Dear Charivari, —War—War and Rumours of War! Roumanian rumours and others. The Five Points! The irrepressible Gortchakoff again to the fore—or rather the Five. Even when his ambassadorial (good word?) Count shall Schouvaloff this mortal coil that Prince will still go on for ever,' like the stream of Tennyson, whether we *brook* it or not, by brook or by crook. I cannot box the compass myself (but I can kick it), but understand these five cardinal, points to be English interests severally represented by Suez, Egypt, The Dardanelles (Anglice—The Darning Needles*), the Persian Gulf and Constantinople. (It's a mistake to imagine that the denizens on the shores of the penultimate are Persian blinds—there is a similar Venetian mistake, though certainly Old Gobbo was one of the earliest and most celebrated Venetian blinds).

Like a true Christian Gortchakoff has taken up his cross. With regard to the "Cut" or the "Ditch" as Lessep's *chef d'œuvre* is irreverently termed, G. says he shall treat the Khedive as a vassalating party and Suez Canal for damages arising from his participation with his Susy-reign. Susy is his pet who reigns almost as much as her lord: indeed he was thinking of calling his celebrated watery highway Susy's Canal†)

Apropos to Point number two Egypt, G. has consented to gee-woa there, principally on account of its non-propinquity. "Thou art so *near* and yet so far!" as the young gentleman sung anent his miserly uncle who was living 'in foreign parts' (*in puris naturalibus*).‡

The Dardanelles, (which are all points) Mr. Cross's third point—appointment on this point meant disappointment. (This is involved in ambiguwitty) so he proposes let in this outlet alone The connection with the Black Sea shall not be broken. I knew a connection of a Black Sea Cook who had his head broken. He was a relation of mine.

Pointo Fouro: (Roumanian language.) The Persian Gulf shall not be interfered with: especially that portion of it where the Danube joining the Guadalquivir laves the Tarquinian Rock before flowing on to the Hesperides.§

Constantinople (these are the sort of words to telegraph to India in, as then you have to pay four shillings each for them), the Fifth Point of Gortschakoff's cross (none of his female relatives have anything to do with Charing)‖ is not so satisfactorily treated. G. seems greedy at this point number five of the proceedings and takes pattern by the Dog in the Manger. He says he don't want Constantietcetera, himself, and he won't let any one else have it. This is selfish. It also seems likely that if Russian arms are active (and Turkish legs correspondingly so) Constant ietc. may be temporarirerily and trumperorirarily)¶ invested and infested; besides being, as you somewhat coarsely intimate, Sir, in your last, I shall soon be—given the sack. *Sacking a son gôut*, as the French say.* This finishes the Five Points and my perusal of the Roumanian blue-book which I lay down, glad to give the book a rest (Bucharest).

Peru's notes I don't stop to peruse, but pass on to the Montenegroes (as the mountain niggers are termed out of politeness)—by-the-bye you've never explained to me the correct etymological derivation of 'Cowcumber' from 'King Jeremiah'—who have rather sat upon the Ottoman. It is not in human nature to be content, so they complain of the annoyance of being killed by their own officers in their zeal in urging them on. This charge should be met by discharge of dead officers. Their zeal did not meet with the seal of the Firman—which was rather an infirm'un. The Turks on the other hand, have been shooting their officers—for losing Ardahan.† President Lincoln said when he heard of the loss of a General and fifty horses, "Poor-horses!" "But the General," exclaimed his scandalised informant. "I can make a general any day, but I can't make fifty horses." So however many officers the Turks shoot they can always make more. But the most painful news of all, (to a sensitive mind) calculated to shock every reader I find under the suggestive heading "Critical Position of the Turks." After some minor intelligence the Constantinople correspondent of the *Daily News* informs us that "The Krupp guns at Erzeroum are without breeches." They are indeed naked and defenceless. I shuddered at the bare idea and forthwith sent a pair of your pyjamas I happened to find in my chest of drawers Meanwhile the Russians are steadily advancing ‡

Privately communicated to your correspondent. Prickly heat.

Meteor-tol-lol-de-rol-logical. We have suddenly leapt from mid-winter into ditto summer and feel Sol's ardour. This is a case when one cannot say 'It's ardour, where there's none?

By Special Wire, I've just received anent the War this mysteriously and apparently self-contradictory message:—

"TURKEY'S NOT IN IT."

Turkey not being in it will considerably geographically alter the maps of both Europe and Asia. Turkey's a goose.

The Russians have notwithstanding a similar proceeding last Christmas, which produced one hundred and eighty thousand men, made another little levy. This falls a little levy on the country.§ Numbers are subjected to drawings in a room—hence the expression Drawing Room Levee.‖ What does the divine Bill say in the Moor of Venice.

"Man but a Russian 'gainst Othello's breast."

I forget the rest.¶

The last Vulgarian atrocity was the address they read to the Czar—there was no allusion to Poland in it to shock the self-constituted Defender of the Faith.

The soldiers of the Great Bear paying for all they consume rather astonishes the natives. It's wonderful, *out there*, how troubles can be smoothed over by dropping out the 't.'** Undoubtedly. Though instead of dropping out the 't' I prefer to drop in to tea.†† After inspecting the batteries the Emperor was presented with bread and salt. This was a case of a salt and battery. The Russians wish

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* We have long ceased to accept O. L. L.'s linguistic interpretations.—ED.

† Our correspondent has evidently misread his telegrams—Suzerain's the idea.—ED.

‡ We always doubted O. L. L.'s classicity—now not a shadow of a doubt remains.—ED.

§ After a long and painful search we find no traces of the course indicated in Mercator's Projection or Josephus.—Even Herodotus is silent on this point—"Pointo Fouro," as O. L. L. has it in the soft gurgling tongue of Bucharest.—ED.

‖ Charing Cross?—ED.

¶ There seems something wrong here, or hereabouts. Perhaps our worthless friend is mistaken in his syllable counting?—ED.

* We never heard them say anything of the kind *Chacun à son gôut*, as the old lady said when she kissed her cow, is an old French *mot*.—ED.

† It is *not* true that they exclaimed when they found the Cossack lines were impregnable "It's Ardahan lines."

‡ So are we—sums of money to our contributor, who, we fear, is anything but steady.—ED.

§ Little levy—little 'eavy?—ED.

‖ This is too much.—ED.

¶ And you haven't remembered this.—ED.

** Troubles—roubles. We think O. L. L. should give us a prize for guessing all these correctly.—ED.

†† We know it, to our cost *and* supper, *and* bed, *and* breakfast, *and* tiffin, *and* dinner, *and* pegs too, *and* cigars, *and* cætera.—ED.

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to cross the *Donau* (Danube), but are delaying it as it can't be *done now:* in fact I *done now* if it can be *effected* at all. The *banks* may be *drawn on* with no FX and they may meet with a *check* before it's *crossed*, and have to take the *change* out of that, or form a *sinking fund*. The Emperor, who is too ill to go out, will in-doors it. I feel better now.

Have you tasted Devonshire clotted cream lately? If not, do so at once. It's Devonish nice this hot weather. I and your money have been melting away these last few days. Farnie's been writing a liberetto; give me your opinion of it. Music by Offenbach. This is how one of the numbers begins. (It is a serenade.)

"Scrumptuous Mary;
Nymph of the airey,
Look *down* upon me,
I shuold say *up*."

Talking about poetry* what do you think of this as a specimen of amatory verse?

"They stroll along the shady lane, with boughs entwined above,
And happy are their hearts as oft they whisper of their love.
All noisy throngs and haunts of men most earnestly they shun,
He takes her hand; she presses his; he murmurs "Dearest One."
In accents low, some soft reply comes flowing from her lips,
And bending then, he, lover-like, their heavenly nectar sips;
"Oh, sweetest love," he cries, wilt thou pledge thy dear self to me?
The answer comes, "I will, dear Fred, if you'll try Tozer's tea."

Moses's poet will have to look to his laurels. Lynes, Groves, Hyram and Levy all eclipsed. The tea-poet and the tea-pot beats your milk and water effusions, to say nothing of your lake poets.

A gentleman, advertising in a big musical paper as *chef d' orchestre*, mentions casually that he has a good stock of appropriated music! The publishers and managers should look after this man. How would a similar advertisement suit some of our leading dramatic authors, supposing the public rose to move that:—That the word or words ensuing next after the word 'appropriated' be omitted, and the words "plays and other dramatic adaptations" be substituted? Could the Society of Dramatic Authors, as by special Act of Parliament incorporated, move an amendment? Always excepting Mr. Dion Boucicault.

Macheath at Blackheath is now the sensation or at any rate amateur imitators of his. A *lone* widow to be stopped *alone* for a *loan* by Robert Macaire at one window of her carriage and Jacques Strop at the other would not tempt her to the (under the circumstances) anything but Gay *Chanson*.

"How happy could I be with either!"

Though she might wish *both* her dear charmers away? It would not so much matter if the *finale* were always a *catch*. As the Music Hall gent sings. 'They all *duet*," or at any rate have a *try-o*, but no one *quartyett*.†

The Caxton demonstrations attract much attention—a *proof* of the interest in his *demise:* more interest perhaps you'll say than in the *proofs* of my *demys*. He was a most loyal man (though not the Furst) being sincerely attached to his *Prints*, who, he thought, was worth a *double crown*. I am naturally interested in these demonstrations as I had an uncle, a man of letters He was a postman.

Would you consider it *infra dig* if your Y. L. L. went *in for a* sewing machine agency? Then, if you should want, Sir, a Wanzer you could have it. ‡

The crush at Ascot on the Cup Day was so great that many *fracas* ensued, in one of which your respectable correspondent had some ribs broken—those of his umbrella. Many men made bets and some sherbets: most of both were sold. The latter gave somewhat a *lemon kali* tone to the proceedings.

* We never mentioned poetry.—ED.
† Next day. Editor just recovered and continuing better.—SUB-EDITOR.
‡ No doubt—By paying double in advance.—ED.

I hear you are going to have a very strong English Theatrical Company next season in Calcutta. Mr. George Thorne, a younger brother of him of the Vaudeville, for Low Comedian. This little gentleman, though young, has been all his life an actor, and is considered very clever in the Provinces. He had a narrow escape from drowning while bathing the other Sunday (naughty boy). Mr. George Leicester is spoken of for leading man. He is also a favourite with us, and should, consequently, *cæteris paribus*, do well with you.

In France the united members of the Left have carried a want of confidence vote in the present ministry in a full chamber by more than two to one. The ministry promised to consider the matter—over the Left.

Mrs. Besant's finished her speech to the jury, and Bradlaugh's begun his. There are some trials in life we cannot surmount, and the two little B's aforesaid will probably find this trial one of them.

By the-bye, a singular omission in the French Want of Confidence Debate. Mr. Lewis, the white * and Victor Hugo made splendid speeches, which met with enthusiastic cheering. One of the Opposition, however, suggested "Victor, *You* go!" To which he should have replied to him in Office. There's no chance of *your* going as you belong to the *Hugonots*.†

There is some occult connexion with Herbs and conjugal infidelity, Samaritanism and polygamy, Greatness and cruelty. "At any rate, a gentleman, described as the Great Herbalist and Samaritan, has to pay for a divorce with costs.

This may render the Herbalist seedy; but as he's at Salt Lake with his wife's substitute (whither he had most kindly invited Herbalistess to follow) let's hope he'll never hear anything of the matter. ‡

WAR. Some of the Russian troops have been repulsed—we cannot ascertain for certain whether one or two of them. Also the Emperor has been driven back three miles. § But the ladies' *smile* is the only one I care for. The man who said "a miss is as good as a mile" was far this side of the mark. I know which *you* would prefer, Sir. ‖

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The *Madras Mail* reports the robbery of the Banghy mail from Mettapollium on the 25th of last month. The news was brought by one of the despoiled runners to Acting Postmaster Samuel who communicated at once with the police, which latter immediately took the matter up, and says our contemporary:—

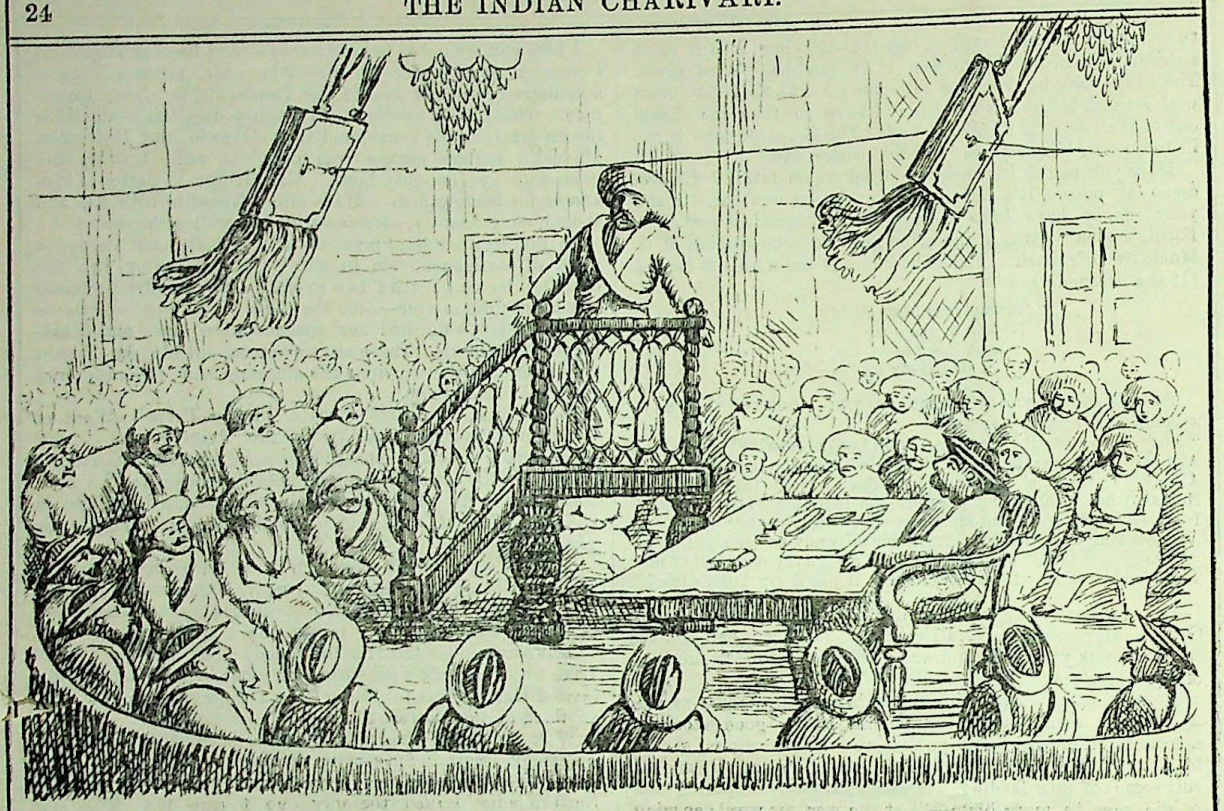
All then went to the scene of the crime, searched over hill and dale, looking into every creek and corner, but to no effect. At last, a Deputy Constable found some property scattered about, *and whistled for the other Constables. But the delinquents are still at large.*

Still at large after such an effort! If whistling fails to secure offenders, what are the police to do? But the question opens too wide a field for speculation. Let us hope that even though unsuccessful in this case, the knowledge that they can be whistled for by the police may deter other offenders. But if, unfortunately, this should not be the case, we think, as a reward for their exertions, the police of the district, in the event of their wanting promotion, should, as a special favour, be allowed to whistle for it.

* Louis Leblanc.—ED.
† You go not, Hugo, Huguenot—No, we give it up.—ED.
‡ What depravity of our L. L.—ED.
§ In an open carriage after his interview with Prince Milan.—ED.
‖ No personalities, please. If we did once so far forget our Editorial mystery—but no matter!—ED.

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MILITARY REVIEW.

F. M. H. I. H. *Charivari* has been asked to review "The War." * The troops and resources of either potentate, being duly marshalled by General F. F. Wyman, were in consequence paraded before him on a recent date. The following is F. M. H. I. H. *Charivari's* opinion after careful inspection:—

F. M. H. I. H. *Charivari* is pleased to express his approbation of the manner in which the armies of facts and the light and heavy artillery of protocols, protests, and journalistic opinions have been mobilized on the frontiers of the Anglo-Indian brain by the General in command. The orderly disposal of the troops of figures and battalions of statistics reflects the highest credit upon the General-in-Chief, by whom F. M. H. I. H. *Charivari* is pleased to issue the following:—

PROCLAMATION.

By order of F. M. H. I. H. *Charivari* the army of facts, figures, statistics, &c., all marshalled by my care, destined to enlighten Anglo-Indians, shall enter the territory of their cognizance to-day. Several times already has it received with more or less satisfaction † similar incursions, and been told, as I now declare, that the benefit would be all its own. I hope to find in the community I now address a readiness to believe in the benefits I offer to confer. You are invited to receive this incursion with gladness, but a desistance from the ordinary pursuits of life, in order to become acquainted thoroughly with it, is not absolutely indispensable. The necessary precautions are taken in order that ready money or a guarantee of solvency shall accompany all orders, to the treasury of the general of the army, which, I am certain, will sustain the honor and reputation of the source from which it issues, and will, in no wise, upset your tranquillity or overturn your ordinary habits and customs. Anglo-Indians, I have before shed ink in your behalf. I think then I have a right to ask the free passage through your ears and eyes, for the sole purpose of furnishing your brains, whose emptiness on this subject has excited my compassion and urged me to action.

Seriously the book is a good and useful work of reference, and reflects credit on its pains-taking and indefatigable compiler.

* *The War: a summary and compilation of, all historical and current information and matters of interest in connection with the present war and the Eastern Question. By Fredk. F. Wyman, Calcutta, 1877.*

† Principally less. ED.

Wanted.

The *Naini Tal Gazette* is perhaps not a widely-known paper, and, from what *Charivari* has seen of it, does not appear to demand any great amount of ability or literary skill in its production. The information is, perhaps, all things considered, somewhat limited, but the advertisements are various and interesting, when the compositors' originality in orthography allows them to be intelligible. Here is one—

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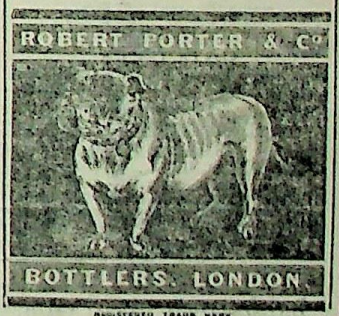
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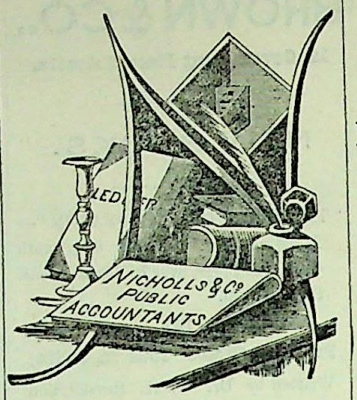
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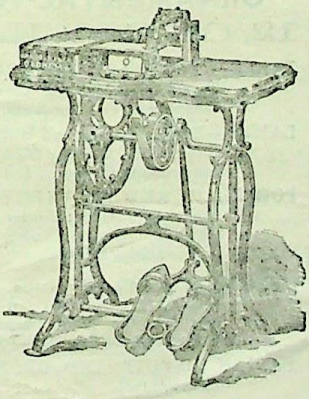
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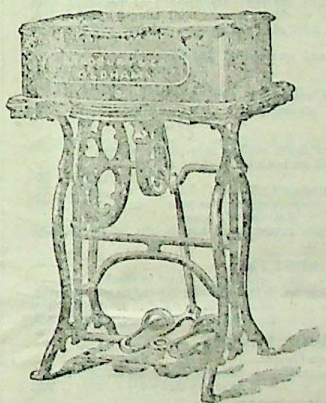
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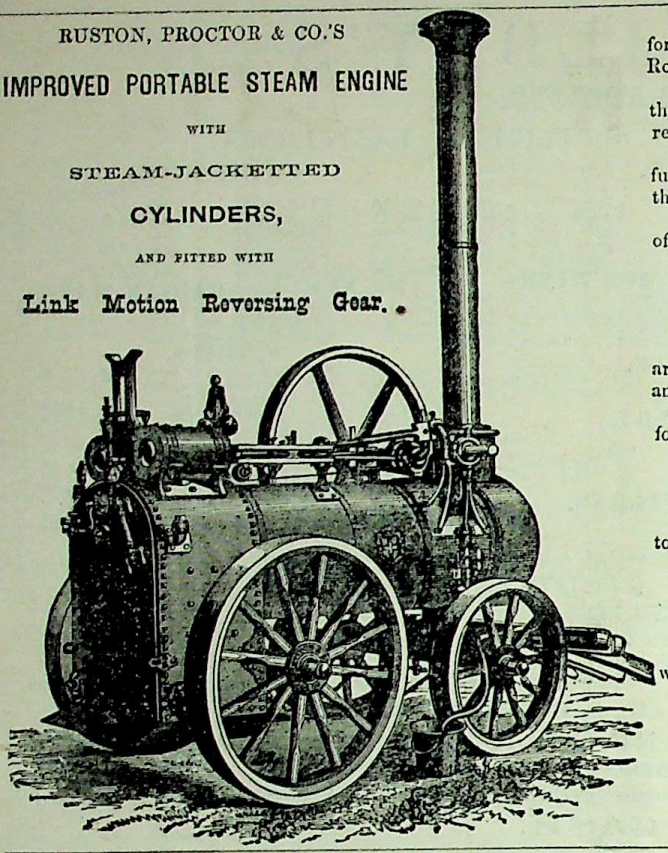
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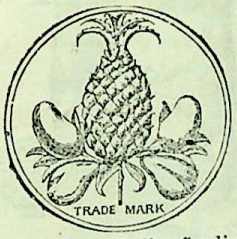
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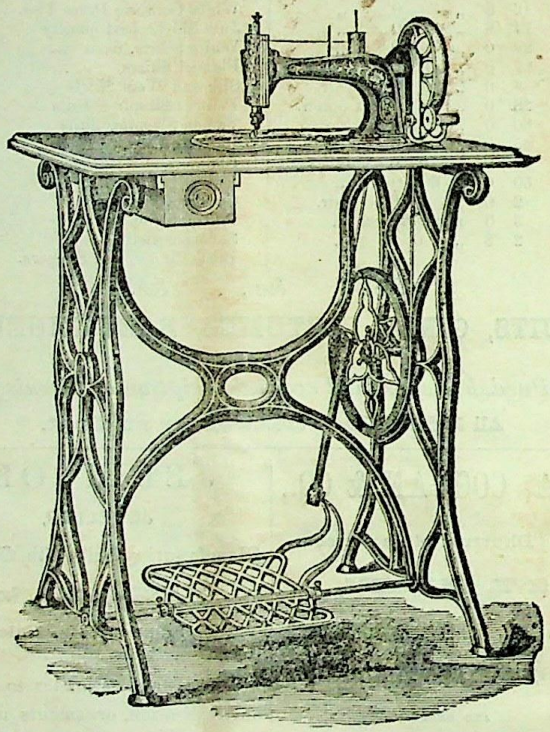
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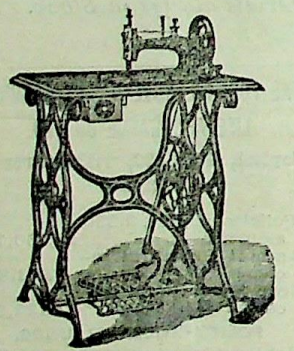
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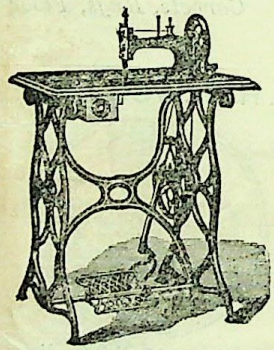
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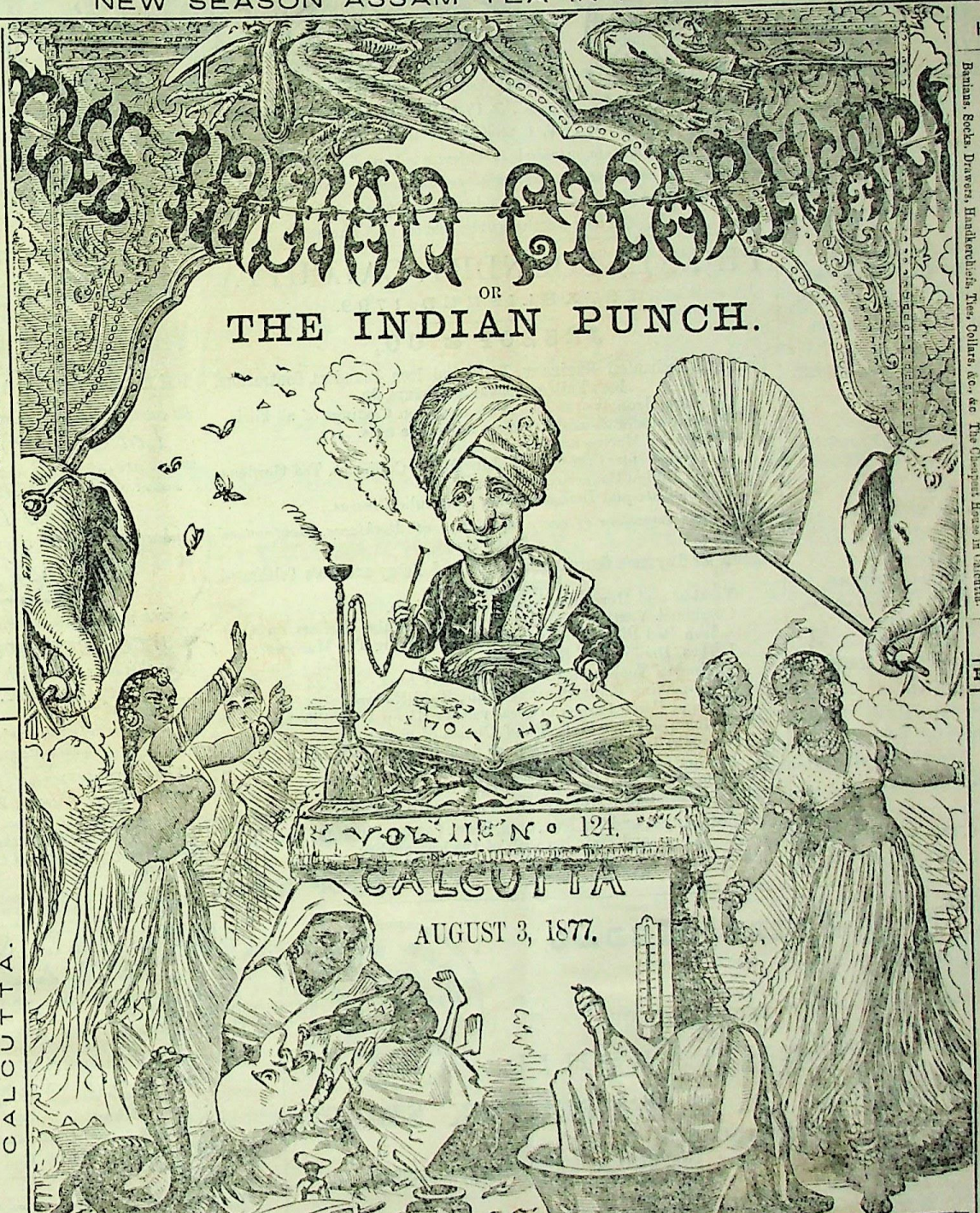
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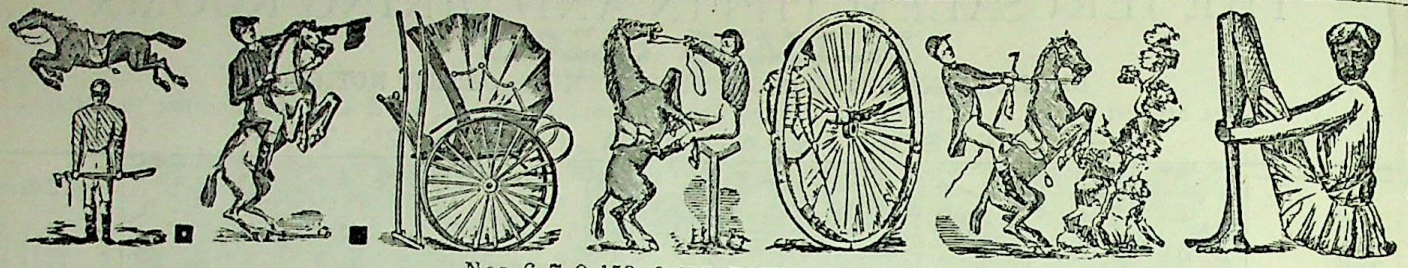
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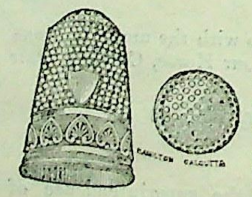
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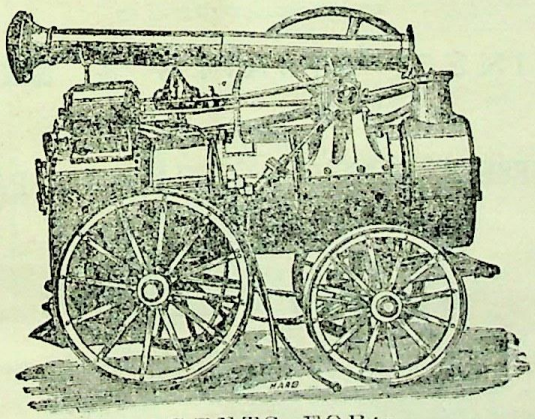
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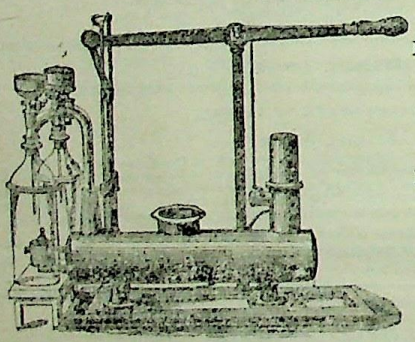
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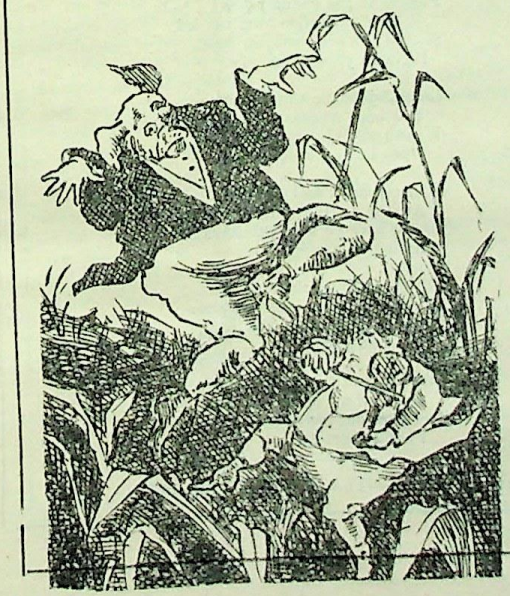
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MAN'S ESTATE!

Mrs. Brown.—Good morning Mr. Jones. Are you going to church this morning?
Mr. Jones.—Yes, I think so.
Young Hopeful.—What! You a MAN! And going to church!! Papa never goes!



A SONG FOR THE NURSERY.

(Air: "*Lord Lovel.*")

LITTLE fat dog and a jumping frog,
On the Green on a fine summer's day;
Said the frog to the dog, "Let us jog to the bog,
"And there we so nicely will p ay,
" Will play,
"And there we so nicely will play."

"Will you give us a tune," said the little fat dog,
"On your sweet little fiddle so gay,
"And I'll jump, and I'll bump, on the stump of the pump,
"And to dance I shall show you the way,
" The way,
'And to dance I shall show you the way."

So he jogs in the bog, does the little fat dog,
And the frog does so merrily play:
That the snakes and the drakes with his shakes he awakes
In the bog on that fine summer's day,
That day,
In the bog on that fine summer's day.

Said a sulky grasshopper, "I must put a stopper,
"On this most ridiculous row."
And he hops on the tops of the crops, and he pops
On the nose of the little Bow-wow,
Bow-wow,
On the nose of the little Bow-wow.

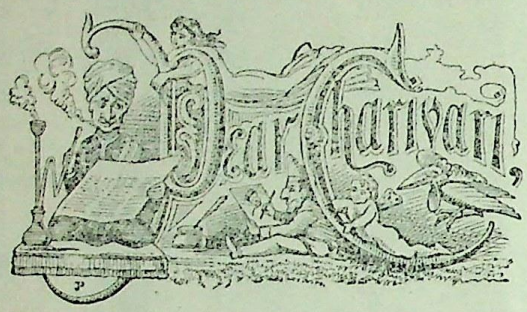
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"You'll get such a cropper, audacious grasshopper,
"You meddlesome chit of a fly,
"I shall fight you and bite you (you fright you) to-night."
The poor grasshopper whispered, "Oh, my!"
"Oh, my!"
The poor grasshopper whispered, "Oh, my!"

So he danced in the bog did that little fat dog,
And the frog he so merrily played,
Till the shoon of the moon on a spoon very soon
Gave'em notice of supper delayed,
Delayed,
Gave'em notice of supper delayed.

THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



Your representative observes that "the note of preparation" is being sounded almost simultaneously by both operatic and theatrical caterers; and it would seem that we are to have, all things considered, rather a lively season in Calcutta. Indeed, Sir, if the Opera Company should only happen to be all that Signor Rosetti declares it to be in his somewhat glowing account, dated from Milan, we shall have something to astonish us, and I for one, Sir, await with anxiety the advent of the Company who "associate as much as possible artistic merit with fascinating personal appearance." Think of that, Sir! and think too of the further assurance. "All the ladies, both of the first parts and the chorus, are really handsome persons, as you may have perceived by the photographs" The intelligence, or the photographs, has so overcome Signor Massa, that he is, I understand, off for Italy *ek dum* to personally assure himself of the truth of this flattering tale. Whether this proceeding savours of perfect confidence on his part, in the *bona fides* of his agents or not, I do not presume to say, but we will hope that the Company may be all that could be desired, in which case it will be great deal better than most of us are inclined to expect after the last importation from France.

Theatrically we are promised a strong Company "to arrive" and open about October next, and a list of the names is already in Calcutta. Your correspondent, Sir, has been favoured with a sight of this list. It includes several new names and one or two old ones, favorites of last season,—*viz*, Mr. Edwin Shepherd, Miss Bessie Edwardes and Miss Santon.

In this connection it occurs to your representative to enquire, Sir, why we go so far afield as to send to England and Italy for actors and singers when a little diligent study of the papers would have enabled us to get all we require in India, if only the local talent of Jubbulpore could be induced to come to the front. I find the following Sir in *The Indian Railway Service Gazette*:—

"Private Theatricals.—A few ladies and gentlemen at this Station *improvised* a Theatrical Performance, which came off on the 17th and 19th instant, and those who were invited enjoyed a treat indeed. *The Musical portion of the Programme was superb, and would have done credit to the Italian Opera*, and the Interlude and Farce which followed were admirably sustained. Jubbulpore can boast of some of the best singers in India."

There, Sir, why, I again ask, go to Europe when we have, at Jubbulpore, amateurs who can "improvise" an entertainment which would do credit to the Italian Opera? It is not yet too late perhaps, Sir, and if the Calcutta public will commission *me* to go up the line and negociate, I should have no objection to become Impressario for the nonce, and endeavour to persuade the talent of Jubbulpore to enliven the dulness of Calcutta. At any rate, Sir, I offer the suggestion for what it is worth.

Dave Carson and his troupe and Madame Tasca and Company are playing or were up to a recent date at Bangalore, which must certainly be a capital town for "show folks" if they are both doing paying business. Be that as it may, they seem from the the criticisms in the local prints to be winning "golden opinions" and to be giving excellent entertainments.

They appear to have a neat method of managing things at the Native Theatre here. That must have been a lively scene the other night, Sir, when the crowded audience, who had assembled to witness the performances of a certain Professor of Magic, discovered that the Professor had decamped, stating his apparatus was too rusty to admit of his performing. He did not go, however without performing one trick (*his* box trick presumably) as the tin box containing the night's receipts disappeared with him. The Police recovered the box and brought up the Professor before the Magistrate, who did not consider there was any evidence to prove dishonest intent. So it must have been simply a trick of legerdemain, judging by this. But Sir, who was the Magistrate? He should certainly be made a Judge.

Simla theatricals still appear in full swing, and *Robert Macaire* and the Viceroy have drawn two good houses. How the actors acquitted themselves, Sir, I have not heard, and there seems a little latent sarcasm in the account of a Contemporary's Special Correspondent; he says:—

"The talented actors were *encored* so often that their bump of self-appreciation must have been greatly developed, and a large accession have been made to their stock of vanity. The hands of the audience were sore with the lengthened clappings accorded by them, and our sides fairly ache with the laughing at the comical scenes displaying such great facility in comic acting."

The scenes displaying the facility in comic acting remind me of a favorite saying among actors, when speaking of a good acting play. "The piece played itself, Sir." Is this the Correspondent's meaning? If so let, him be a little less ambiguous in future as such criticism is apt to be embarrasing.

To the Bombay Parsees,

Who wished to deprive the Jejeebhoy family of the leadership of their community.

Air: "Scots Wha'e Hae."

Parsees in the country bred,
Whom Jamsetjee long has led,
Should you seek another head,
Ingrates ye will be.

Long Jejeebhoy's noble name,
Has been linked with all the fame,
Wealth and charity can claim,
Open hand and free.

Princely heart and courteous mien
Are the attributes I wean,
Of the race ye would demean,
Acting niggardly.

Till the glory of the race,
From its scion meets disgrace,
Let none dare usurp the place,
Fill'd so gloriously.

Then around the youthful heir,
Rally all for right who care,
And with one voice fill the air,
Viva Jamsetjee.

Forbidden Fruit.—The Fruits of Philosophy.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

By D. I. S. Content, Esq.

Since I last wrote to you I have "turned" a broker. When I say "turned" I don't mean that I have gone through any gymnastic performance—a summersault for instance; nor done anything like putting on an old coat inside out; but I simply say I go broking. I was aware that no speciality nor previous training was required for the profession, still I was a little uncertain how first to go to work, so I thought I would pump my friend Tom Trot about it. I luckily met him just outside the "Jerusalem," and I said, "Come in and have a peg, old fellow," as I know that's rather Tom's weakness. In reply to my enquiries on the point his directions were, "Oh! ride about in an office jaun, smoke cigars, and call on Merchants," you know, "and stick it into 'em." Tom emphasised this latter remark by lunging at me with one of the table knives.

"Dear me!" I replied, "and can you make money like that?"

"Any amount, my dear boy, any amount," said he, winking at me, most knowingly over his tumbler. I have great confidence in Tom's business qualifications. "Then I'm a broker from this minute," I remarked, returning his wink.

"What sort of broker are you going to be"? he enquired.

"What sort! Why, a jolly good sort. You know, eh! And here I returned his lunge with a table fork. I was a little undecided as to whether it should be shares, freight, or produce. "Let's go together and call upon Broadcloth and Sheetings," said he, "and I'll introduce you. Recollect; be as off hand and easy as possible with 'em. They like it."

On arriving at Messrs Broadcloth and Sheeting's office, my friend went in first; as he said "Your business, might take you some time, and I shant be a minute." Just to show Tom that I was following his instructions about being easy and off hand. I kept my hat on, and smoked away like a furnace outside.

"Who's that smoking?' said a gruff voice on the other side of the partition. "I don't allow that in my office, whoever you are."

"Say, that it's the punkawallah," said Tom as he came out. "Now old fellow, go in, and win. Stick it into 'em," added he poking me in the ribs.

"Well, how are you?" I remarked to an elderly gentleman, who with spectacles on nose I saw sitting at his desk; but whether he was Broadcloth, or whether he was Sheetings, I know not to this day. I rather think it was the latter, from his being so pale.

"I am pretty well, Sir, thank, you," replied B. or S. (suggestive of B. and S.) politely rising. "You have the advantage of me; may I enquire your name."

"Well, my dear Sir," I replied, holding out my hand, just to show myself a little "*off hand*"; "my name is Content! You don't meet me every day." This joke, I thought, would at once put us on good terms.

"And your business, Sir?" he enquired.

"How are you off for pepper, Sir?" I asked, for I knew where I could lay my hand on a lot, in the hands of a native, which I thought he might buy.

For a moment Mr. B. or Mr. S. was silent, and fixing his eye upon me, in rather, I thought, a severe manner, said,

"I beg your pardon, I didn't quite understand you Pepper, Mr. ——"

I didn't like to call him Broadcloth nor Sheeting, so I repeated pepper Sir, pepper.

"Ah! Mr. Pepper, Good! From London? And what can I do for you Mr. Pepper? "Eh," asked the gentleman, smiling over his spectacles.

"No, Sir," I gently remarked; "Pepper is not my name. It is what I want to sell. I'm a broker"

"Pepper be——, Sir," replied Mr. B. or S. with an explosion like gunpowder; "are you aware this is mail-day! Coming here, about your humbugging pepper. Get out of my office, and don't let me catch you here again."

His sudden change of temper, from the affable to the angry, completely upset me. There was certainly no chance here of "sticking it into em," so I evaporated. Outside, with his handkerchief stuffed into his mouth, stood Tom Trot, who had, doubtless, overheard our conversation.

"Well, what luck!" he asked, evidently tickled about something. "Do any business?"

"I don't think he is buying anything to day." I replied, feeling rather crest-fallen.

"Your pepper made Broadcloth rather hot," said Tom; "perhaps it would be as well to call again another day. Come on, he's coming out of his office. I really felt so small after the rebuff I had experienced, that I hastened down the stairs two at a time. "Hang it, old fellow," said Tom, when we had arrived at the bottom, "I don't think you stuck it into him, enough. You must do that if you want to succeed as a broker."

"He never gave me the chance, Tom," I replied. "He was down on me like a hundred of bricks, directly I said that I was a broker."

"And gave you, what you wanted to sell," said Tom. "Try freight the next time, I know lots of fellows who make heaps of money at freight.

And so I intend to in my next attempt.

A NEW SONG.

(*Somewhat irregular*) *By a New Sovereign. Somewhat irregular also.*)

Air: "*Nix my Dolly Pals, fake away!*"

A Hohenzollern I was born—
I was born;
Alack a day!
A crownless lack-land all forlorn!
Nix! My Brandenburgs, march away!

Down the Danube for Bucharest—
Bucharest;
There to stay,
And only hold, as a nation's guest,
A Satrap's sway—
Nix! a trumpery King half way!

A master I had, the Grand Seigneur,—
Grand Seigneur!
His grand array
Of titles and treaties I could not bear—
Nix! their protocols tear away!

My master's threats I held in scorn—
Held in scorn;
And kept at bay,
Till I slipped my darbies one fine morn;
Nix! I'm a slippery cove, you'll say!

But the Czar beginning his "holy work"—
"Holy work!"
Shewed me the way
To civilize th' "unspeakable Turk"
Nix! but all in a Christian way!

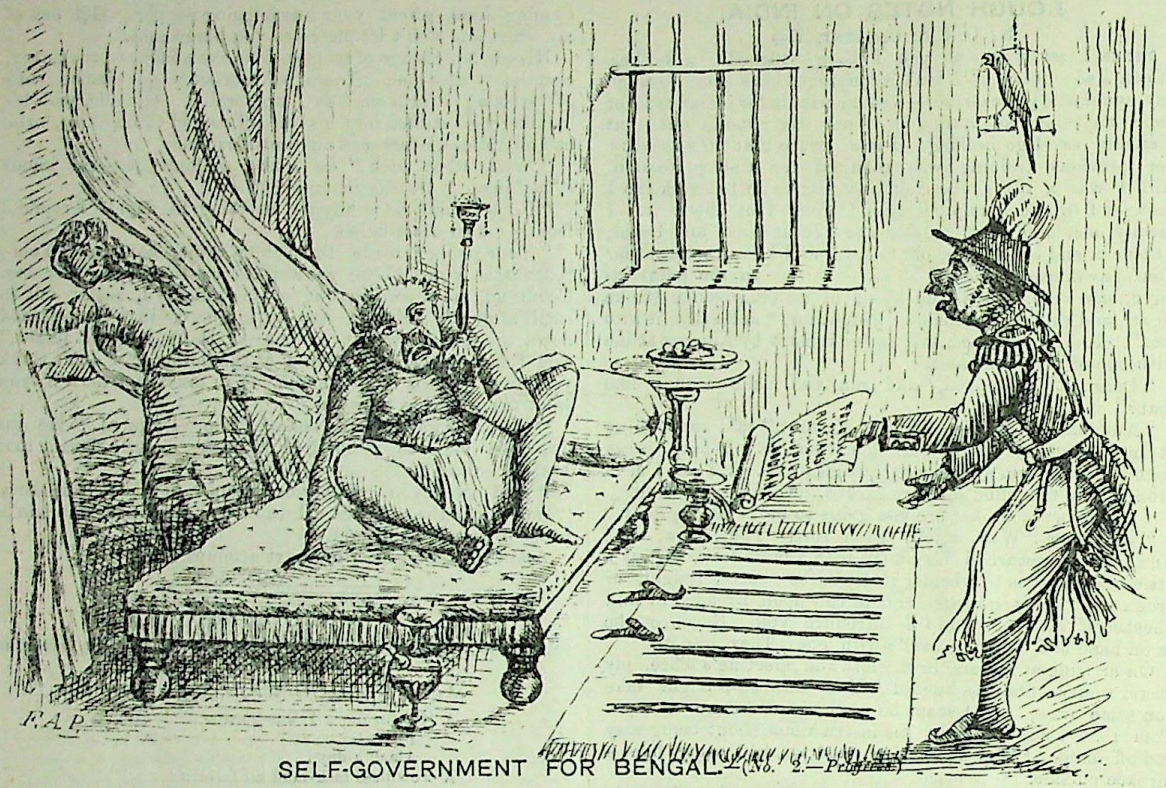
So, here I am, so merry and free—
Merry and free,
To watch the fray—
A regular, royal Romanee,
Nix! Belligerents fire away!

A Hair of the Dog.

An Austrian gentleman, who boasts the euphonious name of Kascicky, has recommended to the Government of India the gall of Rattlesnakes as an antidote to snake-bite. If this should prove efficacious our homœopathic friends will, we suppose, claim it as another exemplification of the truth of their pet aphorism *similia similibus curantur*.

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SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR BENGAL.—(No. 2.—*Policy*.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (GUDDAH PRASAD ROY) HAS OCCASION TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. THE MATTER BEING URGENT, THE C. C. WAIVES ALL CEREMONY.

THE CIRCUMLOCUTION OFFICE IN INDIA.

Charivari submits the following as a specimen of how we legislate for India. The Under Secretary has to dispose of a very momentous question, namely, whether Rs. 4 or Rs. 5 *per mensem* should be sanctioned for a punkah coolie for Mr. Fitzfulke, Settlement Officer, Puddleabad, Punjab. The following is the ordinary routine through which the State machinery must move before that sanction is given. The first thirty processes are too wearying for us even to recount.

29. Draft approved by Assistant or Under Secretary.
30. Draft approved by Secretary
31. Draft approved by Financial Member.
32. Draft approved by His Excellency the Viceroy.
33. Draft circulated to Members of Council.
34. Received back by Registrar and sent to Diarist.
35. Sent to Despatcher.
36. Numbered and sent to Copying Department.
37. Received in Copying Department.
38. Sent to Printing Office.
39. Received back from Printing Office.
40. Fair copy submitted for signature.
41. Signed copy received by Superintendent of Copyists.
42. Sent to Despatcher.
43. Dated and despatched.
44. Recorded and this list submitted to Registrar.

Here are different processes from 29 when the draft is first approved by the Assistant or the Under Secretary, to No. 43, the period of its being dated and finally despatched. Poor draft, what a lot of mutilation in the meantime it must have undergone, and by the time it is received in the office to which it is sent, what a transformation must have taken place. We have often wondered at the style and manner, of some of these drafts. The English is so delightfully unintelligible, the diction is so obscure, and then the long and unaccountable delay! But it is all clear now. It is the old Circumlocution Office over again as enacted in India.

ENGLISHMEN WANTED.

Charivari finds the annexed unique advertisement in the columns of the *Lucknow Times*:—

WANTED—An English Assistant for the Newul Kishore Press, on a salary of Rs 20 rising to 30—must understand accounts, and be able to answer letters and know some hing of office routine

Application to be sent to

MOONSHI NEWUL KISHORE,
Proprietor Newul Kishore Press.

Amidst the pervading dulness of times more than ordinarily bad for unemployed Englishmen, the circumstance of a brilliant opening like the above being available cannot but be regarded as a ray of light amidst the general gloom, and *Charivari* thinks the chance of immediate competence with the brilliant possibility in the future here offered to at least one Englishman a cheering incident. It is to be presumed, of course, that unexceptionable testimonials would be required, and references of a satisfactory nature should be demanded before finally selecting any one for the appointment, as it is important that only a thoroughly deserving person should secure this brilliant opening, and it is to be hoped that whoever the fortunate recipient of the immediate twenty rupees per mensem with the prospective thirty, may be, that he will not be improvidently lavish in his expenditure, but endeavour to save something out of it "against a rainy day," or for a trip home when his health shall require it.

CONUNDRUM.

Q. What is the difference between the rains and Lord Lytton?

A. The former moulds the French polish, the latter the Frontier polish (*Policy*).

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MY DIARY AT SIMLA.

Sir,—It has often struck me as rather strange that you should have no correspondent at Simla, when almost every other paper, big or little, has one. I do not pretend to be able to equal the gloomy periods of the correspondent of the *Times of India*, or the frantic attempts at wit or caustic satire of the several correspondents of the *Civil* and *Military Gazette*, who write under different *noms-de-plume*, but with remarkable similarity of style. Nor can I claim the general knowledge of all things gubernatorial or official of him, the *Pioneer*, No Sir! mine is the humble style of a hard-worked Government official. I fancy that I see you smile at the word "hard-worked," no doubt carried away by the prevailing idea that we only come to Simla for enjoyment and frivolity. To dispel your suspicions, and at the same time disprove the vulgar error of the vulgars for whom I do not care a vulgar fraction, I propose to send you some extracts from my diary for a week. We are all now obliged to keep diaries, and I have even copiously illustrated works of art fit to be shown in the Grand Simla Fine Arts Exhibition by the side of Dick Temple's paintings. But this is by the way. We are, I may tell you, all allowed to write for the press now, so long as we tell nothing worth knowing, and, like the Government press department, confine ourselves to Meikong, beans, cinchona, Khelat, Kabul, the weather and the crops. So you will find plenty of official news in my diary, which you are at liberty to use or not as you think fit. Now for it.

Sunday, July 1.—Jolly day, Sunday, no work, not the correct thing to go for early walk or ride on Sunday, so stopped in bed till 12. Up at the Club playing whist till three with Colonel Deuceace, and Messrs. Stiff and Locket of the Finance Department. Lost forty chicks. Deuceace, an infernally bad-player. Too late for morning church so make an atonement by having breakfast and tiffin together. Made some calls. Some people always *darwaza bund* on Sunday, always call on them on Sundays. Slow people, card better than visit. Tired after calls. Sherry and bitters to give me an appetite for sermon. Church, large attendance, charity sermon as usual. Rain, also as usual. Great difficulty in getting away, all jampans sent to one road and all people got to go out by one door. Attempt to make a classical joke on this to a young wallah. I say "ex uno disce omnes." He does not seem to see it. Silly fellows some of these wallahs. Miss Emily, who was standing there, saw it and laughed. I smiled and bored out of church at last, Home, more sherry and bitters. Family dinner with head of office. Slow, sacred music afterwards. Slight supper at Club-house by one.

Monday, July 2.—Fine for a change, so off for a walk round Jacko. Most people go out for a constitutional on Monday morning, but look awfully cross, as if Sunday or getting up early had disagreed with them. Recollect got to go to Gymkhana to look after Smith's pony that I have promised to ride at the next meet. Off to Gymkhana, three miles. Too late, Smith and pony both gone. Shan't ride for Smith if he cannot wait for a minute or two. Look at papers on way home. Nothing in them, and old Colonel Jones kept the one copy of the *Pi.* now taken at the club all the time. Breakfast, office at eleven. Edwards asks, me if I have seen something in the last *Times*. I had not, so read it. Edwards tells me the whistlers are going to give a picnic to Mashobra, so I had better call. Go to call. Pleasant people the whistlers, nice girls, got invitation. Tiffin time. Stroll downs to club for tiffin, and take a ball at pool afterwards. How quick the time goes at pool. Only just able to get back to office in time to lock my desk before it is time to go home to dress. Out on the mall, out to dinner. Pleasant evening, raining again.

Tuesday, July 3rd.—Wet morning, can't go out, some fellows drop in, and some one proposes blind hookey. Blind hookey it is, till one fellow, whose chief is very punctual, says, "Hullo, it's eleven o'clock' Hurry through breakfast, very bad for digestion, and so to office. Walked so fast, I felt quite tired. Sat in verandah for a few minutes with a cigarette. Feel better, must get through any amount of work to-day. Got note from Emily——to say that if I could spare half an hour she would like to practise "Goosey-Goosey, Gander" for the next singing quadrille. Must go. Other visitors at Emily's, so she asks me to wait till after tiffin. Have tiffin, and then Emily says, she can't sing just after tiffin. I can have a cheroot, and then she will be ready—take a cheroot. Must have taken a snooze afterwards. Half past four when Emily comes to practise. No use going back to office to-day. Send note by Chuprassee to Edwards to say not well, good time practising with Emily. We are both perfect Goosey's in a short time. Out to dinner. Concert at Benmore. Whist at Club. Won a chick.

Wednesday, July 4th.—Rain again. A fellow can never get out for a constitutional here. Order the tat and just ride over to see Wiggins of the onety-onth. Wiggins asks me to help to make a handicap for the next Gymkhana meeting. Wiggins has a pony, so have I. We can't agree, so ride over to Spriggins, where we find several men. Spriggins asks us to stop to breakfast, which he will order early. Spriggins' early breakfast comes at eleven. Don't get to office till one, but will make up for it by extra work. "Chuprassi, bokkas lao!" Confound these devilled kidneys at Spriggins, I have left my keys at home. Must go for them myself, if I send the servant he will open all my boxes and drawers, and steal everything. All servants at Simla are thieves. Take an hour to find keys. Going back to office meet Spriggins again, who says, "What's the use of going back to office now, just five o'clock." So it is, go to the club instead. Can't stop long, have to ride with Emily, and afterwards practice more Goosey. Pleasant ride, pleasant dinner. Impromptu dance after dinner to practise Goosey-Goosey-goes capitally.

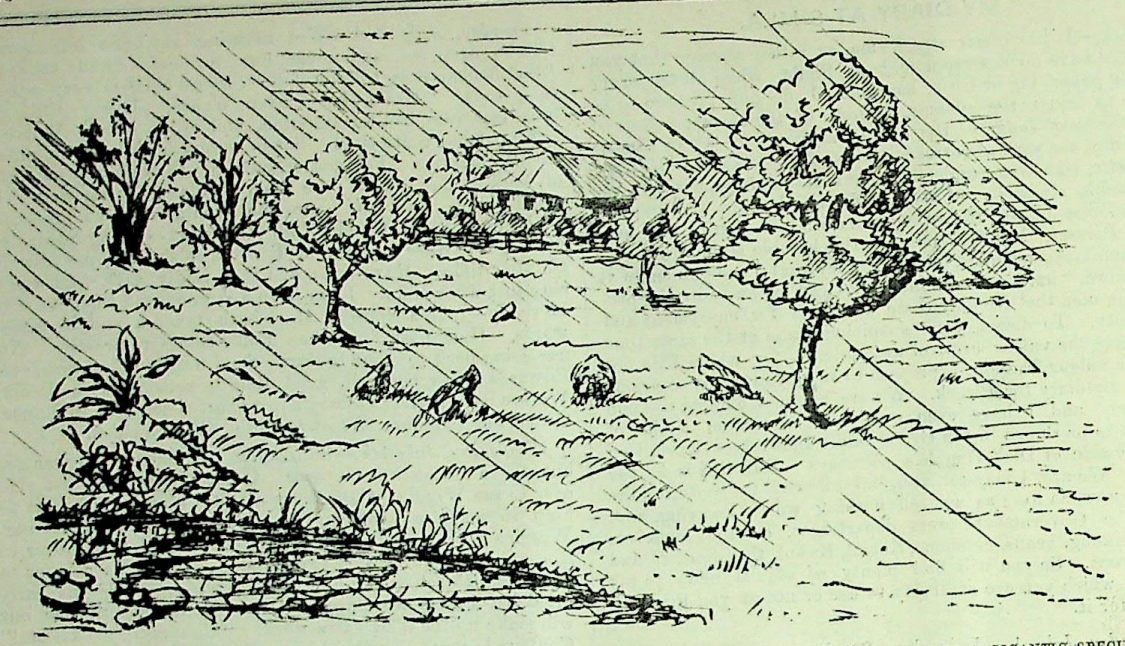
Thursday, July 5th.—Will work at home this morning. Got papers out of box and had just folded a sheet of foolscap in half margin, when in comes Tattler who tells me that he hears Emily is engaged to the young Wallah. Can't work now, will make up for it at office. Tattler stays a long time. Amusing fellow Tattler. Knows everything and everybody. He tells me Edwards, my senior, is going on leave for three months, and I am to get the acting appointment. This must be, because I work so hard at office, must be punctual to-day. Office at half past ten, began work. Edwards comes soon after eleven, when I had written as far as "acknowledge the receipt of your semi-official letter of." Edwards says, "Hullo, old fellow, what's up?" I don't like Edwards' chaff, but I do not retaliate, as I want to find out if he is going away or not. Edwards like a trout on a sunshiny day, won't bite. Old Papers is sure to know, so I will just run down to his office and ask him. Very hot sunny day, can't walk fast, long way to Papers' office. How to pass Emily's door on the way. Hear her singing "Goosey-Goosey." By Jove there is a man's voice also. I will just go in and see if it is that Wallah. It is, I resolve to sit him out, but I won't try to sing Goosey, though Emily asks me. She says I must after tiffin. Wallah stays to tiffin, so do I. Then I have to sing Goosey. Don't get away till half past four, and no use going back to office. Will finish letter at home. Ah! I forgot I had to gallop Smith's pony for him.

Have gallopped Smith's pony, a nasty pulling beast. Ball to-night at P—f. Will rest at home till time to go and work. Ah! I forgot that I had to dine with Baggs. Out to dinner, ball afterwards. Home at four.

Friday, July 6th.—Too tired to go out or work this morning, but got to office by eleven. Then to

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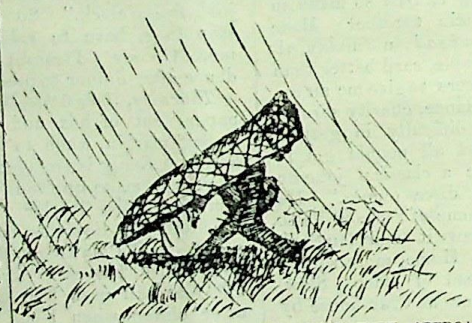


No. 1.—Tomkyns wrote to the "*Asiatic*".—"On my hurried run through Arracan I discovered a gigantic species of frog (*Batrachia Tomkynsis*) of which I trust to give a lengthy description during my next trip on which I am just starting.

work. Old Gomes, the head clerk, brought me four letters to sign. Got through that at last, and then recollected that I had made an engagement to meet Emily at the rink. Must go home for my skates. By Jove one of the rollers wants mending. Send servant to get it mended. What a long time the beast is gone. This is always the way when one's in a hurry. Ah! here he is at last, but it is too late to go back to office. Off to the rink. Skating is just the thing after a ball to get the stiffness off. Confound that Wallah! The awkward brute ran up against me, and as he weighs about fourteen stone, sent me flying. I fell, I saw Emily laugh. I won't skate any more, and I feel very seedy, so I go home to bed.

Saturday, July 7th.—Too stiff and ill to go to office to-day, so send note to Edwards that I am not coming, but nothing will be said, as I have done a good week's work.

B.



No. 2.—He cautiously and nervously approaches and is *delighted* to discover *it* is cutting grass.

Doubtful Excuse.

The publication of the objectionable portions of "The Priest in Absolution" has been explained in a manner which will no doubt give general satisfaction; it appears after all they were merely inserted by *a clerical error*.

WEARING HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE.

Charivari read the other day, in common with the rest of the Anglo-Indian World, about Mr. Justice Atkinson being moved to tears on the occasion of his having to pass sentence of death for the first time. The feeling of most sensible people *Charivari* imagines is, that this display of emotion, though amiable, and to a certain extent natural under the circumstances, would have been better repressed.

That the dignity of the judgment seat and the majesty of the law to a certain extent suffered in the eyes of Natives *Charivari* thinks is certain, and although, on *one* occasion this might be excusable, its repetition is certainly undesirable. However this is not, it appears, the opinion of one of our Madras Contemporaries, who is rather severe on a Judge who didn't cry when sentencing a prisoner. Here is our contemporary's deliverance:

"Mr. Justice Atkinson, who had never before sentenced a prisoner to death, fairly broke down, and resting his head on his desk sobbed aloud."

At Madras, a criminal was sentenced to death at the last sessions, and whatever might have been the real feelings of the Judge, his cold, indifferent, and nonchalant air was noticed with no pleasant surprise. Most people in court were of opinion that the Judge passed sentence as if a dog was to be deprived of its life.

If our Contemporary really means to insinuate that a weeping Judge is the correct thing, well and good. But let us be consistent. Surely the Jury, who find the prisoner guilty, ought not to be more unfeeling than the Judge, then the Judges associate, the barristers and the spectators ought not to be without human sympathies. Wouldn't it be appropriate? The jury in tears with bowed heads, sorrow bent, while their foreman sobs out "guilty" to the weeping judge, whose lachrymose associate diluting the ink in which he records the sentence with the "drop of sorrow," wipes his eyes in company with the sensitive and sympathetic bar, who form the foreground to the picture of decent woo prevailing through the rest of the spectators.

Is that the sort of thing dear Standard, would that be a pleasant surprise?

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"THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION."

Turkey (*looking towards recumbent lion*) Will he NEVER come?

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THE BABOO'S PROGRESS.

(After Hogarth.)



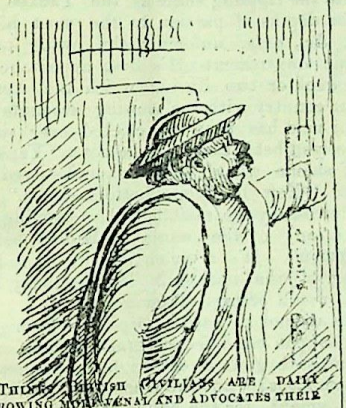
1.—Young and unsophisticated Hindoo, eating Mangoe.



2.—Progress?



3.—Natural result of "Progress."



4.—Thirty British Civilians are daily growing more Oriental and advocates their replacement with Bengalees.



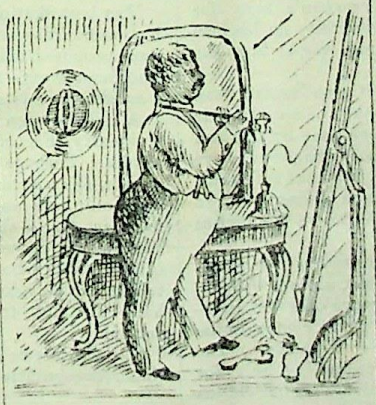
5.—(Lip) Loyalty.



6.—Real Allegiance.



7.—The Lion of the Season.



8.—My Eyes!



9.—More Wonders!!

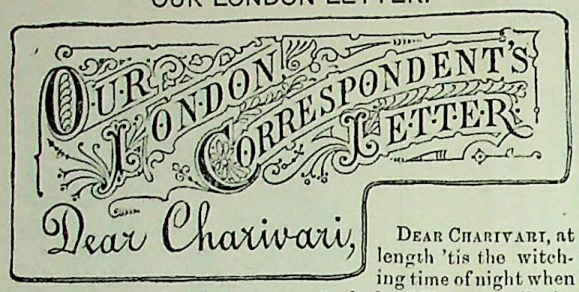
The Porte's Resolution.—Not only to defend its territory by inches but to stick to its ells. Don't see it? Why; the *Dardan-elles* of course.

Fruits of Philosophy.—Six months' imprisonment and £100 fine. This is English law *v.* Brad-laugh.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.



Dear Charivari, at length 'tis the witching time of night when Editors yawn and wish they were in bed. What *we* call the hot weather—thermometer 79° in the shade, and at freezing point on the grass at night has commenced, and the annual immigration of work-stained brain-wearied citizens to seaside and riverside nooks is in full force. The way the different Railway Companies are demobilising the town crowds is wonderful to behold. An eminent musician informs me he dotes on "a cottage near a wood:" on enquiry, however, he turns out to mean a cottage piano and the wood is a Broadwood. Meanwhile you worthy people are, I presume, enjoying the mosquitoes. (Dumas, if you remember rightly, wrote a beautiful novel upon three of them.*) Here is an infallible recipe for one of their bites; which is equally applicable to another—in fact to any number of them. Rub the bite with ipecacuhanha† powder. The irritation disappears instantly. This is from a big London doctor whose attention has been drawn to the swarms now in "the little village," and Woolwich particularly. It's swarm work.

Did I tell you about the last Parisian *mode*? I did not. Gloves of different colours on the two hands: say pink on one and lavender on the other. Should this obtain in England it will be invaluable to men who only wear one glove and carry the other which they always lose. Most people have a box of odd gloves. But, why not extend the fashion to other wearables. Trousers for instance of different colours and patterns: one trouser, say, a bright blue checked with scarlet; and the other a vivid green intersticed with yellow. They would certainly look rather Touchstone-y, but what of that? We that have free washing it touches us not; let the Gauled‡ maid rinse, our trousers are unwrung. One top boot and one gaiter might be combined to give a groomey-o appearance. I've seen worse assorted coupling—much My sister on my washerwoman's side, for instance, married a dwarf, who was generally on his own side: she's in a chronic state of "bound over to keep the peace for six calendar months."

I've invented a new colour.§ I call it a policeman blue. The hue is so delicate that, like its namesake the constabular functionary, it is difficult to detect its presence by day and out of the question at night. Like him too, it ought to have a long run. If it's only bought as much I'll make a fortune. It's a nice colour (no colourable imitations allowed) and so are hue.‖ But no more about it at the prison moment as I'm about to advertise it in the Hue and Cry.

Changarnier is, by a misprint, made to say rather a neat thing with regard to locking up the assembly while a Government vote was passed. For although always over the Delegates he is not over delegate. "If the worst comes to the worst," said the general, "nous verrous"—"we bolts." The substitution of a 'u' for an 'n' gave 'verrou,' 'a bolt' for 'verrons,' 'shall see.' Though not positively delicious, as the gentleman who tasted loquats in Calcutta for the first time remarked, this is by no means bad.

Messrs. Bradlaugh and Besant, as the Fruits of their Philosophy, have got an immense amount of sympathy, £500 each to pay and a year's imprisonment. The sale of the book is entirely prohibited,—though I know where to get it, but shall not comply with your urgent request, Sir, for a copy, as I don't think it a proper work to put in the hands of a hitherto more or less respectable young man. For I venerate the press. I have a friend still on it,* who earns an honourable but precarious subsistence by selling copies of big expensive works sent him to review, and afterwards sending an imaginative critique of each to the periodical requiring his services. It is, however, rather too good to last. This reminds me that a would-be great American actor made the greatest sensation in his favourite part ever known in London *before he appeared.* This was one time a paradox ('parody' I heard a man say once), *mais nous avons change tout cela.* The New York papers teemed with critical analysis of their compatriot's first appearance in England on such and such a date. The *salle* was crowded with the ranks of Beauty and Fashion—the balcony of elegantly costumed ladies resembled a parterre of exotics†—never had the wonderful Proteus played with so much *verve* and *aplomb*—the tears glistened in Beauty's eye struggling with the rippling smile as the Yankee *artiste* alternated from the depths of passion to the most hilarious drollery, &c., &c., &c., *only*, unfortunately, owing to some hitch in the scenic department. His first appearance was postponed for a week or two, during which the American papers reached our country with the glowing accounts of his success. The poor man has been so chaffed ever since on this "smart stroke, you bet" that were he not a "Yank," the conscious flush of shame would be permanent—dyed upon his callow cheek. "Yew bet your bottom dollar." (My bottom dollar is likewise my top, middle, and intervening ones.)

Have you heard any of the music of Balfe's beautiful opera—The Tallyman? It's a splendid subject. I wish I'd had the writing of the libretto.‡ His discovery by the indignant husband would be most dramatic.

Spanish matters are not so satisfactory as they might be. Not that their Bonds can be deferred much longer, or that liquorice and onions have gone up—though the ladies there still wear Spanish *chignons*§—but the minister of works can't find enough employment, for the public contracts. He has however put a lot more men on. This is a *pleasure* to hear: the labour we delight in physics *Spain?*

The best skating rinks are now made of almost anything but wood: asphalte, artificial ice, and compositions. It is now proposed that the latter should be adopted in ballrooms. The mooter says that the question whether to *dance, Sir,* on a *wooden* floor is solved: it wooden dance, Sir.‖

A novel design for the wrapper of a pack of playing cards, eminently French: two angels hovering over the ace of spades. Perhaps this is to see it's spade duty. As Aunt Jane says, who's a splendid whist player, "I call a spade a spade and don't care about angels on spades. It certainly does look *in for a dig.*¶ This reminds me of Young Roberts' Australian presentation pin: an angel floating over a billiard table whether as an angel of light to save the gas, or to see fair play, and that no one but its master pocketed the balls did not transpire on his accompanying illuminated vellum.

The Caxton celebration still to the fore. There's no doubt that representatives such as Caxton were men of a type-or

* O. L. L. either means "The three Musketeers" or is mad—or both.—Ed.
† Our correspondent does not seem to have profited much by the numerous Spelling Bees—or spelling books.—Ed.
‡ An entirely new reading, though we cannot agree that France was alluded to by the Immortal bard.—Ed.
§ The colour of your money, we hope,—we have not seen it yet. It would be a great novelty.—Ed.
‖ 'So *is* hue,' is grammar.—Ed.

* He would not be still on it long—not if set in motion: anything but still and it would be *allowed*.—Ed.
† We thought the pit was the parterre New York.—Ed.
‡ This should be a Scotch opera. But, no On second thoughts can our old reprobate mean "The Talisman"—"Il Talismans."—Ed.
§ Derivation:—onions, vulgo inions?—Ed.
‖ O. L. L. *may* mean it wouldn't answer?—Ed.
¶ *Infra dig*—infra dignitate.—Ed.

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two, to be nearer the mark. The Prints of Wales was an early institution, but there can be little question that the art took its rise at Mentz; but as all we foreigners claim the invention.

"Oh, no, we never Mentz-ion it,
It's name is never heard"

Gutenberg or Gottenberg, however, probably knew of the discovery of the *moulding* of *types*. This seems to receive confirmatory evidence by Shakespeare's evident allusion to him in one of his plays (there are two I believe) as "the *type* of fashion and the *mould* of form." * After 1455 the prints of Cologne enjoyed as much celebrity as its scented water does now. When we speak of *eau de cologne* we little know what's *owed to* Cologne. It's very certain that the immediate successors of Caxton succeeded also in making large *capitals* out of men of *small type* whose *fount* was not Pierian "when fount make a note of," as Captain Cuttle says, at any rate they were both *leading* parties, and it was a *case* and the printer's devil to pay.

Really the extraordinary way in which the Turkish monitors are peppered by the Russians makes good Aunt Jane's saying that ironclads are flat iron-y.

I see that near Exeter a man was nearly drowned in the river Dart. In fact he had an arrow escape of the Dart. I'm not so fond of water myself unless craftily qualified and then I'm continually drinking *your* health, Sir. † This looks like fishing for compliments, but we're all poor heron mortals.

Talking of fishing ‡ reminds me of boating and the beautiful light craft (I don't mean pocket picking by a light craft) visible at Kew, Richmond and Twickenham, which reminds me to propound to you the following:—What is the best form of flirting in boats? answer: *canoedling*. This is as true as that two halves make a whole. I know that two halves of a ten pound note I sent yesterday by post, made a hole. How many half-sisters make a whole? I offer you, Sir, these suggestions with as much politeness as a linendraper's assistant hands your coppers, two pence short, wrapped in an ornamental paper bag.

There was a pretty row last night in the House. Fancy more than fifteen hours of Whalley & Co.! One of the disturbers was a gentleman (Irish) who had only been a member during one short week, and has taken two working days in time out of that week at one fell sitting. There have been one or two big scenes already, but this was a Biggar one. Major O'Gorman was of course in it. When the lamentable decease of this preternaturally *stout* partisan of the Claimant's takes place, people may say O'Gorman dies." The Home Rulers, in general, may be counted in, although some think they'd better be counted out. Fifteen formal divisions besides innumerable Counts which were out, with a majority of 129 to 5 looks like purposely obstructing business and all technically interposed on an Army Reserve supply vote. There was more reserve than Army about that question. There is an interesting creature in Zoology who manages by his awful personal stench to keep all enemies at a distance and to establish himself independently without fear of intrusion. The Fenians seem emulous: if they can only disgust us into not sitting with them and set up their own House, their object will be obtained—particularly as English taxes would still contribute their exorbitant quota to that 'poor, but a proud country.' It is very evident that with the present extended franchise and greater facilities of getting into Parliament that the old rules devised for *gentlemen* will no longer act, but a lesson must be taken from the more rowdy assemblies of America, the Colonies and Republican France.

The persecutor of the Bulgarian Christian is now getting the advantage of the persecutor of his Polish fellow Christian. Kars (nothing to do with the Irish of the same name as *jaun*tily remarked), inhabitants of whom by-the-bye are *not* carmen though they have now occasion to sing one * of joy—has not turned out such a good investment as anticipated, which, from the Russian point of view, is a pity after so much *shelling out*. It seems they'll have to raise the siege—though where they'll lift it to does not appear. Any way they will Tirnova a new leaf; not like the Germans turning over a new page in the history of the last war and taking French leaf; and they've been brought to book again in Asia, their losses on one side of the page far exceeding their gains on the other. Their treatment of wounded Turkish cavalry is not hospitable. It's hard at present to tell which will prove the bigger blackguard, heathen Turk or cultivated Christian.

I'm sorry to see that at the Lord Mayor's Banquet to the three hundred and odd bishops that in response to the toast of the evening, the Archbishop of Canterbury took a cheerful view of the Church. Such ill-timed levity should have repressed by the husher

In France politics are still in a state of fusion. However, they have got one man now who is good enough Fourtou. † He understands that as every man is not perfect neither is he Prefect. Meanwhile MacMahon has every one still under Court Marshal.

The new Partuguese loan had better be left a loan.

The Priest in Absolution "emanating from the ignoble order of The Holy Cross has caused so great a commotion that even the London School Board has debated on its wholesomeness, though one would think it the last publication that would be proposed to be used as a class book by those of ten or elevender years.

A strange statement comes from Newcastle-on-Tyne to the effect that dancing rooms are used by youths of both sexes and the chief constable is sorry to say that, as they are conducted in an orderly way, he has no control over them!"

The Turkish position at Sistova is evidently an imposi ion.

By Reuter. Botzen. Re Henri Tourville. "The President passed sentence of death by hanging upon the prisoner, who was not, however, present!" If he can only manage to be away at the time his execution takes place, he'll be all right.

Horse shows, Baby shows, Rose shows, Agricultooralooral shows, Cat shows, Galas, Fêtes, Garden Parties, &c.

Having nothing more of interest (saving a few pawn tickets.)

I remain,

Yours Truly,

YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

* Our unable correspondent's' evident allusion' is an evident illusion—ED.
† We are glad we experience no diminution of health, while O. L. L. is drinking it so much.—ED.
‡ We never mentioned the subject—ED.

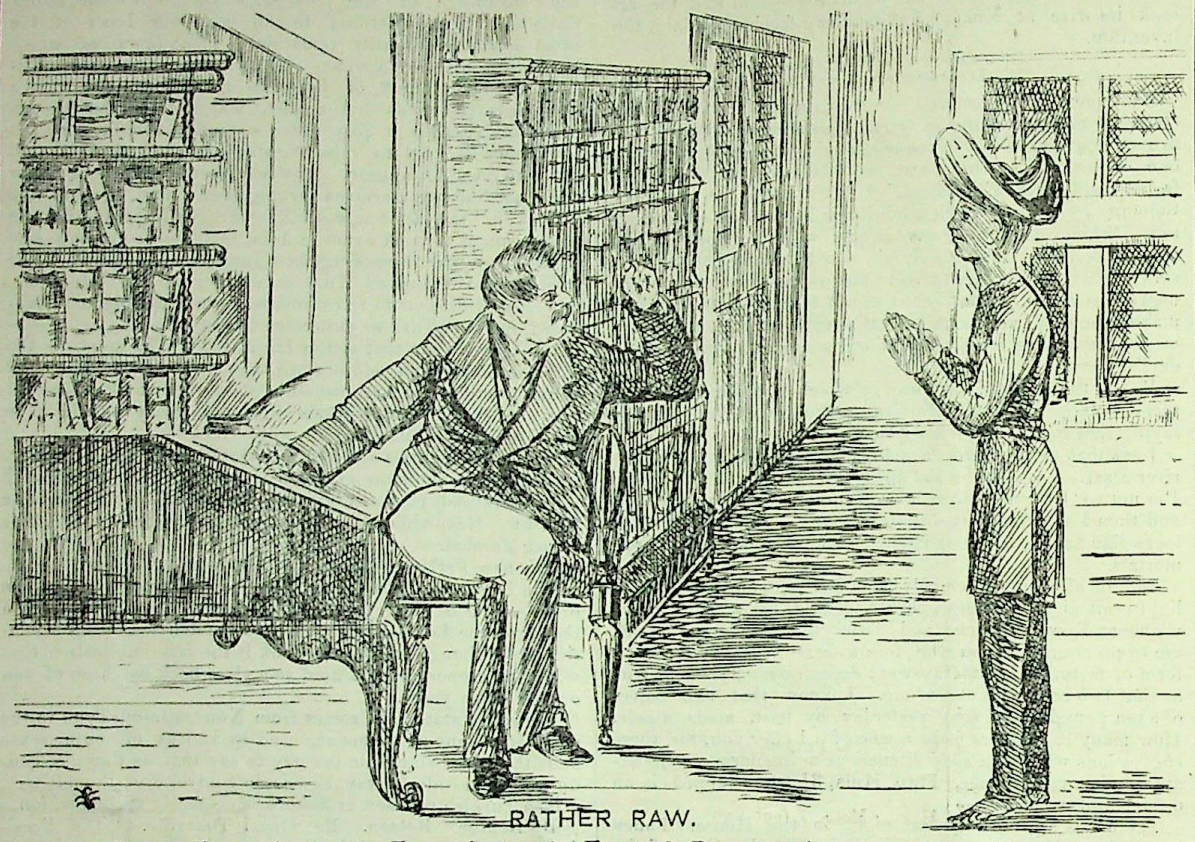
Nothing Like Leather.

Khan Bahadoor Nusserwanjee Jamaspjee' (such "his lordly name is") High Priest of the Deccan Parsees, has just learnt from our late Bart. that, though there is "nothing like leather," it must on occasions of ceremony be "patent" when it takes the form of shoes. The Poona dignitary indeed, having only country made shoes, would have left the august precints of Government House without paying his respects to its presiding genius had not a friend, who had come better provided, lent his, after his own presentation, to his respected High Priest. Thus overcome, the difficulty disappeared Nusserwanjee and his friend having the honor of being each presented *once* and the latter's shoes enjoying the same refreshing privilege *twice* over. Happy patent leathers!

* We have just consulted 'our classical babus' on this erudite point who suggests that 'carmen' is the Latin for a song.—ED.
† Good enough for two? four two?—ED.

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RATHER RAW.

Brown.—KOI HAI? *(pause)*. KOI HAI? *(pause)*. KOI HAI? D——WHERE'S THAT FOOL OF A *Chaprassy?*
Chaprassy.—*(his first day of service—enters hurriedly).*—"NAHIN KHUDAWAND. BANDA CHARON TARAF DAURKE DEKHA, MAGAR KOI NAHIN HAI." *(No Sir, I have looked all four sides, but don't see any one.)*

A CROW FROM THE CHRONICLE.

THE Editor of *The Himalaya Chronicle*, from his cloudy throne among the hills, sometimes condescends to notice his compeers in the plains below, and his mighty voice has lately spoken in reprobation of two of them, in no uncertain tones.

THE *Indian Statesman* and *Civil and Military Gazette* do not get on very well together; one laughs at the other, and mutual compliments veiled in graceful language are exchanged in their rather heavy columns. These differing councillors of the public try in vain to hit it off, and their views are so antagonistic *no good can come of a war in words destined to be useless.*

This should be enough to silence these bellicose journals, we think, especially after the assurance that, with their views, "no good can come of a war of words destined to be useless," its meaning would perhaps have been more intelligible to general readers. But we must not be hypercritical. Oracles are proverbially ambiguous, and he of Mussoorie is decidedly oracular, in the utterance of which this extract forms the opening sentences.

The rest of the article is directed against the *Civil and Military Gazette* alone, and the war policy of that journal is severely handled indeed, in terms forcible and sarcastic, but which we do not presume to understand, though we gather with sorrow, from its only distinct sentence, that the British army could not march one hundred miles in one hundred days. We did know this before, neither, till we came to the end of the extract, were we aware that it was either jocular or sarcastic, but we gather that it must be so from the conclusion which runs thus:—

"Seriously this rising journal might find time to write a little common sense for the use or instruction of its military readers. There are many chances of trouble before us; not that we believe we shall go to war with Russia There are ample opportunities for effectively wielding the editorial pen, but we do not want wild visionary dreams impossible to be realized."

We commend this to our erring Lahore contemporary's notice, both for the advice it contains, and as a specimen of a style which, envy as he may, we fear he can never imitate. But is not Mentor a little cruel in the sentence beginning. "There are ample opportunities, &c.?" Reflect, dear Chronicle, a paper must be filled, and it is not every editor who has three or four columns filled for him with a list of residents, which, though useful and interesting doubtless, does not, after all, greatly tax on the editorial brain to produce.

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To capitalists, we should say, this piece of land offers a highly desirable investment, but we are somewhat at a loss to understand how the 20 cows and calves, alluded to, the pigs, geese, ducks, and fowls can be made available for paddy cultivation. The fowls perhaps might be used by an enterprising man to scratch the ground. Husbandry, we know, is in such a backward state in British Burmah, that the tilling of the ground has often been declared to be a mere scratching of the soil.

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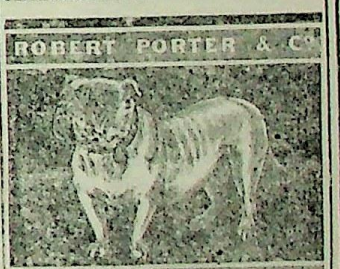
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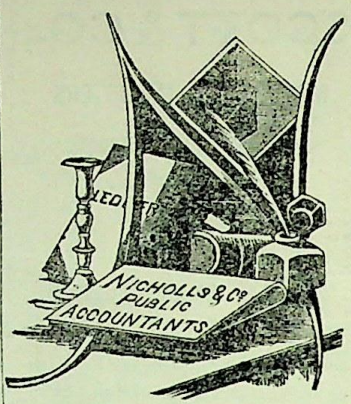
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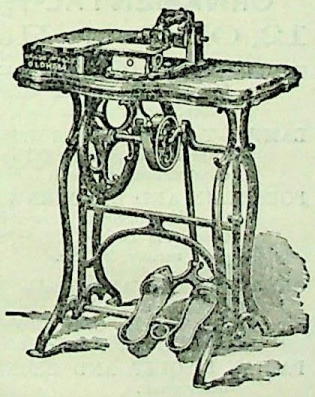
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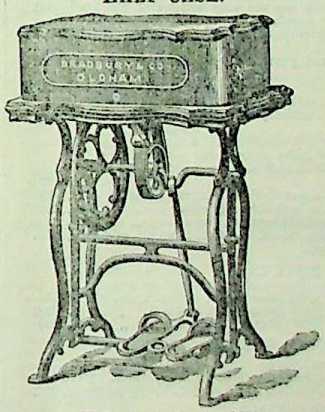
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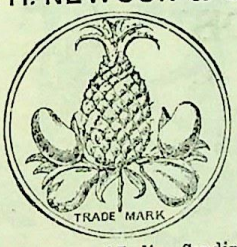
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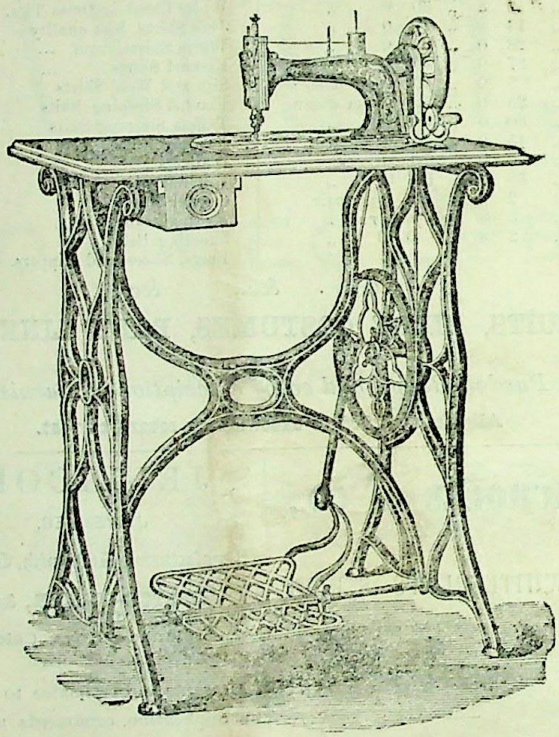
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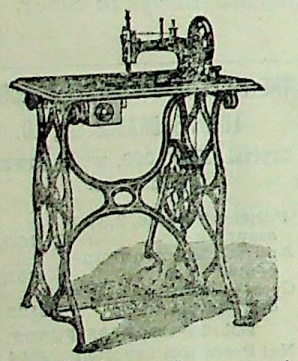
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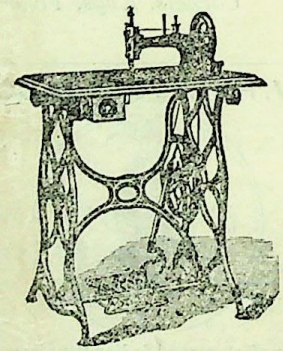
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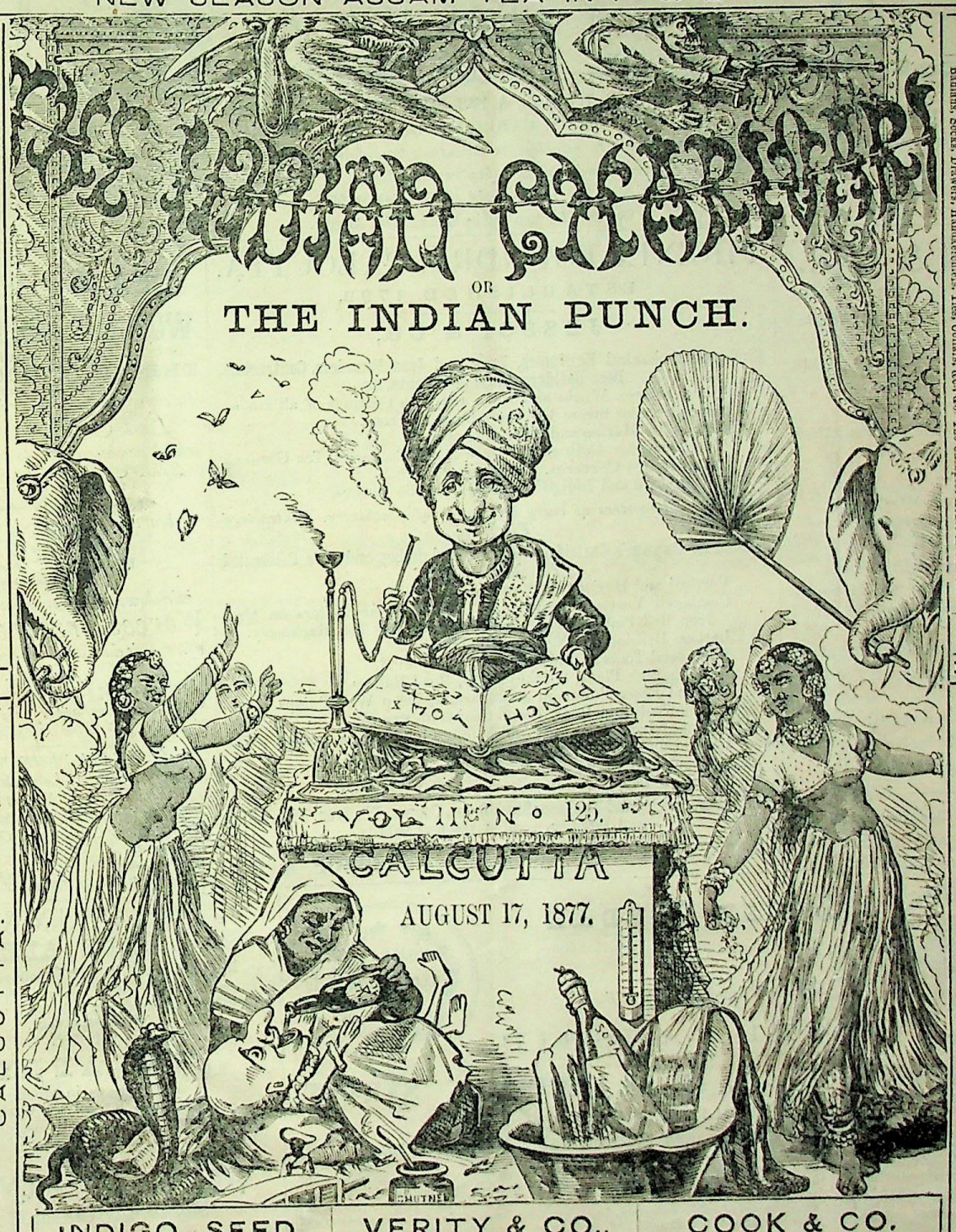
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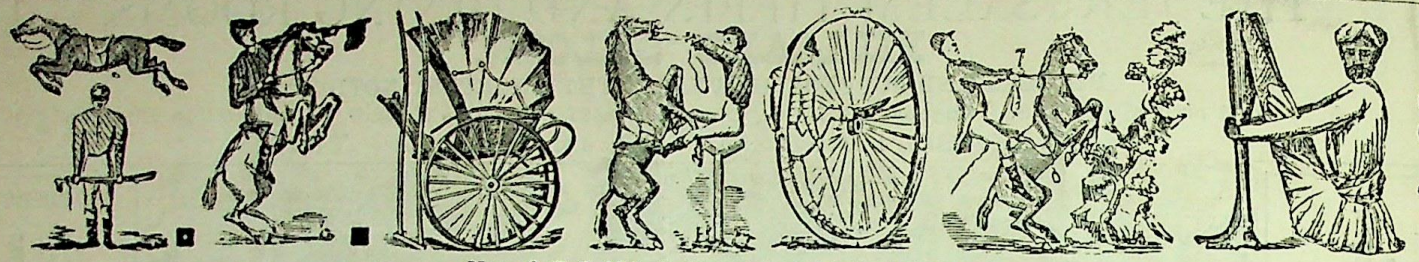
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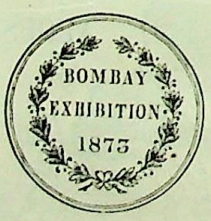


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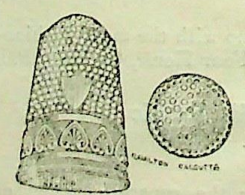
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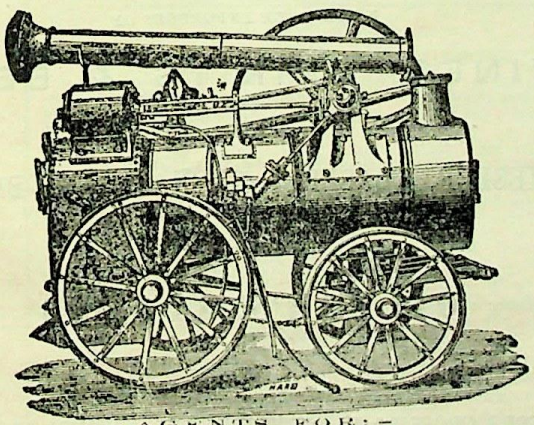
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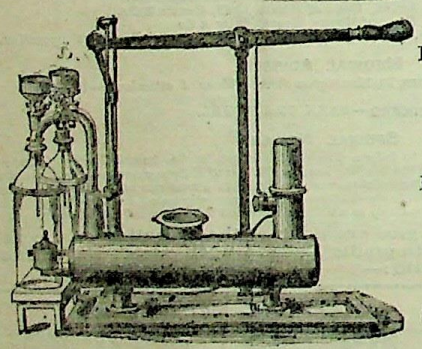
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* Qy. Lytton-eh.—Ed.

A SPY! A SPY!

Where are the omniscient and omnipresent police of the Punjab? An alarming rumour reaches us from Lahore that it is feared there are Russian spies in the capital of the Lion of the Panjab. And spies that not only spy out the weakness of the land, but are ready to prevent any spying by others in Russian affairs. Lahore has, it appears, attracted the attention of the Russian spies from the strong Anti-Russian sentiments that pervade the columns of its daily paper. Russia must be avenged. By no bold act was the removal of the enemy of Russia to be removed, but by a method of murder worthy of a spy. A deadly snake—a *karait*—was secreted in the carriage of the Editor of the Lahore paper. But fortune favoured him, and he escaped sudden death. The fact, however, is clearly established that there are Russian spies in Lahore, and it becomes therefore the duty of the gallant Lahore Volunteers to furnish a guard night and day for the protection of their gallant commanding officer.

Atrocities in India.

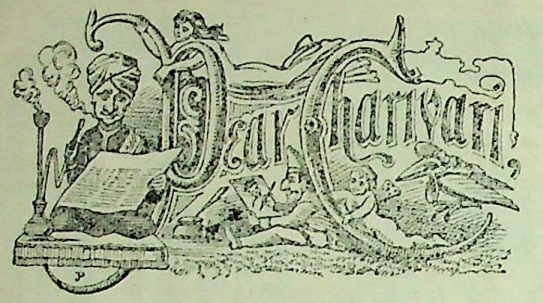
(*From an official point of view*). The *Friend of India* and *Statesman's* late philippics against Lord Lytton's frontier policy.

(*From a non-official point of view*). Lord Lytton's attempt in the Fuller Case to subvert the independence of Indian Judges.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



For the most wonderful piece of theatrical news that I have picked up during the past fortnight, I am indebted to the writer of the Sporting Letter in the *Statesman* of the 8th instant. Your representative, Sir, was wading calmly through the letter in question when he was suddenly astounded by the following announcement:—

"John Clayton (Mr. Calthop), one of our most gentlemanly actors, is to marry Dion Boucicault."

The subsequent discovery that it was the celebrated actor's daughter and not himself that was to be espoused by Mr. Clayton has, however, calmed and soothed me, Sir, and I have since been able to finish reading that letter.

Dave Carson is now in Madras, and intends giving ten per cent. of his net profits in that city to the Famine Fund. He will be here again shortly, and after him, we hear that "a mixed company of Artistes," whatever may be meant by that somewhat vague expression, who are now *en route* from Australia, will succeed to the lesseeship of the Chowringhee house. Also we are promised another Circus (we beg its pardon "Hippodrome,") about November next.

Your representative observes in one of the Madras papers an article upon an amiable and ingenious race of men known as the "Kullur" tribe. These gentry are robbers by profession, and according to your contemporary the districts about Poodoocottah, Trichinopoly, and Madras are the scene of their labours. The police, it seems, are not able to cope with this interesting race, and the only way residents have to protect themselves is to employ the men of this tribe as watchmen, in which case the employer's property is safe. This practical impunity, enjoyed by the Kullur caste, does not show up the efficiency of the Madras Constabulary in favorable colours. In fact, so far from being a creditable Police force, they seem to be hardly a "Kullur-able* imitation."

That very popular and able actress Miss Rosa Cooper (Mrs Harding) has, your representative regrets to observe, been suffering from a dangerous illness, which has necessitated a long residence in hospital; and, as misfortunes in this case have not come singly, Mr. Harding has also been seriously ill and an inmate of the same institution. Miss Cooper intends, I hear, to take a benefit at an early date (the 25th inst) at the "Corinthian Theatre," which Mr. Pollock, acting for Mr. G. Anderson, has placed gratuitously for one night at Miss Cooper's service. I trust that those Artistes now in Calcutta will all come forward, Sir, with the proverbial readiness of actors to assist each other in case of need, to help Miss Cooper on the occasion, and the Calcutta public will doubtless on its part, do its utmost and fill the house for so deserving an object.

NEW WORK.

The Editor in explanation, by G-it-n G-ry, Esq., dedicated by permission of the authorities, to Messrs. Crawford and Beevy, Bombay Police Court.

* Colourable imitation—wretched indeed.—Ed.

SOMETHING LIKE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The evacuation of Asiatic Turkey by the Russians is, it, seems, not in consequence of their being overmatched beaten and outmanœuvred by Muktar Pasha's army, but is merely a strategic retreat in order that they might the more surely crush the "unspeakable" one. This we gather from that extraordinary gentleman's letters, who does the Political Correspondence for the *Statesman*. For this gentleman, whatever else may be said, it can at least be boldly averred that the view he takes of affairs in these campaigns is at least original, and after with daring minuteness chronicling the long list of Turkish disasters in Montenegro, which resulted in their relieving Nicksich. He has outdone himself in the following exquisite paragraph *apropos* to the evacuation of Armenia alluded to above:—

"As regards the war, the telegraphic wire has doubtless been informing you of the astonishing Turkish successes in Asia. According to the Turks, not a day has passed, for some time, in which they have not beaten the Russians. * * * *

The Turkophilist journals have been in ecstasies. "Pursuit of the Russians"——"Continued pursuit of the Russians"—"Relief of Kars"—such have been the announcements. * * *

So much at least was true that the Russians had fallen back on their frontier *In their retreat their were several skirmishes*, which have been represented by the Turks as brilliant victories won by themselves, and as such have been greedily accepted by their credulous admirers in this country. But *in the excitement of seeming persuit*, Mouktar Pasha, the Turkish Commander, has allowed his right wing to be separated from the left, which is under his own command. The former has marched in the direction of Bayazid, the latter in that of Kars. The news of this morning informs us, that the Russian Army has turned upon the former, and dispersed it, capturing four guns, while General Loris Melikoff with the Kars army is again in march against Mouktar Pasha's isolated left. *If he can engage and defeat it in the open field, there will no longer be a Turkish army in the field*, to oppose the Russian advance upon Erzeroum.

There now, see how wrong it is, unthinking journalists, to speak of these skirmishes as battles, and to assert that the Turks have won them. Read the *Statesman's* correspondent and learn that the Turks never win battles. When they fight for hours with thousands of the enemy, and the Russians finally decamp at the "double quick;" the action is simply a skirmish, and the disappearance of the Muscovite is not a flight but simply a swift and skilful strategical movement to the rear, and of course to perform this particular sort of movement perfectly, the troops must not be encumbered with heavy guns and baggage, which, with the wounded, it is usual in these cases to abandon. This line of action has frequently been mistaken for the flight of a routed army by superficial observers, but we know better now, and indeed the Turks are apparently very much the worse for their apparent victories; for we learn from our informant that *if* General Melikoff can only do half a dozen somewhat difficult things and then win a pitched battle, the Turks will be in a mess indeed. What would our Contemporary's correspondent call *their* retirement from such a field we wonder—a flight? Or a falling back after a skirmish?

Lord Lytton to the Rescue.

The *Indian Daily News* evidently disbelieves in the wisdom said to dwell with a "multitude of councillors." Alluding to the Viceroy's projected excursion to the Famine districts our contemporary expresses a hope that—

it will not be a hasty rush across country, such as Sir Richard Temple loves and the *Pioneer* foreshadows, when it writes of a probable return to Simla by the middle of next month, but something more like a veritable tour of inspection. *Unhindered by a multitude of councillors*, and multiplication of theories and reports—on the spot; and seeing things with his own eyes, the chief of the executive in India, over and above a realization of Imperial necessities, might do much by his presence to help the exertions and strengthen the hands of executive officers, actively engaged in this fight with famine.

What a "realization of Imperial necessities" may mean in this connection we hardly know; neither do we clearly see what Lord Lytton's presence can effect in the way of, "strengthening hands, etc." Our contemporary does, however and so we suppose it is all as it should be.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

[By D. I. S. Content, Esq.]

After the rebuff I received on my first essay at broking, my confidence in Tom Trot's advice has been somewhat shaken, and I don't hesitate to say that for any benefit I received therefrom I might just as well have kept the price of his peg in my pocket.

"Hang it, old fellow!" said he, the next time we met, which was at the Jerusalem again; "it was unfortunate, it being mail-day when you called on old Broadcloth, but if you will only try freight now. The Greeks are shipping very largely. Call on Mr. Cuteonides. Perhaps you may do something with him. Of course, you know all about a Charter-party?"

"Well, our King John was the great Charter-party I know anything about," I replied. "He was a Magna Charta party."

"You'd better not try that on with the Greeks youngster," said Tom, shaking his head; "they don't take jokes, unless it's in the currency of the realm; and King John's was only on paper." "But, Tom, tell me; what does f-o-b mean?" I asked; because, I had often seen it in the freight reports of the daily papers, and I thought I had better qualify myself for the profession I had chosen, and get at all its technicalities.

"Why, f-o-b simply means this," said Tom with an inward chuckle, which I very much dislike,—"that when you offer a merchant a charter or freight, you ask him if it's f-o-b? that is, free on board; and he says, yes! Then, you go down to the ship with as many friends as you like to take, and you get all the grog and refreshments you like to ask for, gratis:—f-o-b." Tom has a nasty habit of stuffing his handkerchief into his mouth after giving you any business information you may ask him about. The above for instance.

"You don't mean to say that f-o-b, means that", I said, feeling rather interested.

"Try it, only try it, old chap!" he replied,; "you'll find the skippers are very liberal fellows. They like to see a large party come on board uninvited and make themselves as *free* as *possible*.

"I'll recollect, what you've told me, Tom," I said as we parted, "and the very first business I do, I'll make it f-o-b, and invite you as one of the party. Of course you'll come?"

"Well, that greatly depends on who the Captain is," responded Tom, "some keep precious bad stuff on board, I can tell ye. But let me know who it is."

About an hour after the above conversation, I found myself waiting my turn, in the outer office of Messrs Sharpos, Cuteonides & Co. On entering the sanctum of the junior partner, the broker who had just gone out, suddenly returned, and putting in his head, said "Shall I close at two-fifteen for four hundred tons?" "No," replied a black-whiskered gentleman, at the desk. "Two-ten." "Can't do it," said the broker, vanishing.

Here's a wrinkle, I thought as to quantity and price. I'll say something less. "But I can, at two-twelve, Sir," I quietly observed

"May I enquire your name?" said the black-whiskers, staring hard at me.

"Content," freight broker, Sir," I responded, giving him my card."

"Very good! Two-twelve you say, by the James and Mary's, to Liverpool." "Send me the order, to-day, please."

"F. O. B?" I remarked.

"Oh! of course," said the gentleman, looking at me, rather puzzled, as I thought.

As I was making a memo. of the transaction in my pocket-book, down stairs, who should come up, but my friend, Tom.

"By Jove, old fellow," I said, on seeing him, "I've done some business. Four hundred tons, at two-twelve, to Liverpool!

"By what ship?" he enquired.

"By the James and Mary's," I replied. "F-O-B." "Whew," whistled Tom—"old Sternbold! yes, he's just the sort of man to——"

What Tom intended to say, I don't know, as he suddenly brushed by me and ran upstairs. I suppose I'd better see the Captain about this, I said to myself After hunting about, I found Captain Sternbold at the "Jerusalem." To say that he was a rough kind of man would hardly convey what the Caption's real disposition was; I have my own ideas on the subject, and so made my interview as short as possible, being referred by him, to his agents.

I took care, however, to make him thoroughly understand, and admit that it was to be F-O-B.

Having settled that matter with the Captain, I invited some of my best friends—those I mean in town, to whom I was indebted for sundry kindnesses—to meet me on a certain day and hour on board the "James and Mary's," to thoroughly enjoy ourselves.

As to our reception and treatment on board I think I had better tell you about that in my next.

THE GATHERING OF THE BICYCLES.

Upwards of fifteen hundred Bicyclists, mounted each on his steed of *steel*, mustered on Saturday, at Hampton Court. It is said that there is nothing new under the sun; and sexagenarians may remember the velocipedes of the early part of George the Fourth's Reign. The three-wheeled nag, however of those days was a clumsy slow-coach affair compared with the "high-*mettled*-racer" which the modern machinists send to spin, to spin along our highways. You have them in India, of course, or, you soon will, from Ganges to the Himalayas.—*Home Paper.*

Oh, the hearts of the girls would be harder than icicles,
If coldly they gazed on our glorious array,
We were mounted on high on our fast-rolling bicycles,
In line to old Kingston from Hampton so gay.

None of Charlemagnes Peers, none of Alfred's Round Table,
No Mameluke chief, no Arabian wight
Ever boasted of coursers like ours in his stable,
They flag not, they faint not from morning to night.

Like the stars in their tranquil rapidity gliding,
Unencumbered, unclashing we keep our career,
Not a footfall betrays the approach of our riding,
Not an echo is left for the listeners' ear.

And such is the way of the life I'm desiring,
Though fast yet submissive to form self-control
No noise or collision; yet bold and untiring
And swiftly and steadily winning the goal.

Let the famed Four-in-hands yoke their modern Quadrigas;
Let a Prince share the box with his fair-ones behind;
Let Unicorns, Curricles, Tandems and Bigas,
Spatter mud till you're choked, or raise dust till you're blind;

Let eight-oar Aquatics in unison feather;
Let the sole sentimentalist sport his canoe;
Let plodding pedestrians trudge on together;
And fools in balloons vanish out of your view.

My own wheel of Fortune I'll seek in my Bicycle,
Ever ready resource against ailment and care;
For no costly equipment, no pedant's advice I call,
But mount and away, blithe and free as the air.

Mind your Eye.

We have often been amused when passing along streets of Calcutta to read the very funny signboards some native mechanists, such as:—"*Musicle* Instrume Repairer," "Hair Brushed By *Machines*," "Wach and Makers." These are, however, quite eclipsed by an adver ment which may be read in Esplanade East, which ru thus:—"Institute For Eye *Deseases*," G. H——e, M.D. Opthalmic Surgeon.

The learned Doctor, we presume, is more careful with his patients' eyes, than he apparently is in his English spelling. "*Mens Tuus Ego.*"

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ENLIGHTENED BABOODOM.

(A FACT.)

Head of Government Office.—HULLO BABOO? HEAR YOU WERE ON THE JURY YESTERDAY—HOW DID YOU GET ON?
Intelligent and unprejudiced Juryman.—OH, SIR, WHAT I SAY? I ISLEEP WHOLE TIME—OTHER PEOPLE SAY "GUILTY" I SAY "GUILTY"—"NOT GUILTY," I SAY "NOT GUILTY"—WHAT ELSE I DO?

QUITE A COINCIDENCE.

That two great minds occasionally hit upon the same idea has been so amply demonstrated that additional proof would be superfluous. But that two writers should invent the same story, and relate it almost simultaneously *apropos* of the same scandal, is a novelty with which we have now for the first time been made acquainted. Referring to the Hungerford elopement case a writer in "*Truth*" says :—

> A man running away with his neighbour's wife is now so common that it only a tempest in a tea-cup; but why a husband, with a handsome wife, ld so hunger after the wife of another, as to run away with her, is to me actery. Yet such was the case last week. I suppose that it is based upon nigbservation of the Frenchman who, remarking his wife in a ball-room, nov to a friend "Quel dommage qu'elle soit ma femme, car je me sens véri- nent épris d'elle."

he[h]is is smart enough, but not perhaps sufficiently so to dou[h]een quoted, but for the fact that *Reis Effendi*, discusse[d] the same event with a lady friend, also used the nchman's remark in connection with the subject. In a tter, which must have come out *by the same mail* that brought the number of *Truth*, which contains the foregoing paragraph, thus the *Effendi*—

> "Lady Monkshood takes another view. "So strange, you know, that the best of each couple is left. Tempest is entirely superior to poor Hungerford, and as for Mrs. Hungerford, *la belle delaissée*, she is quite the sweetest, prettiest, chirpiest little darling I know. You recollect her at Hurlingham the other day, and down at the Orleans a fortnight ago. Why, she was the success of the day. De—ah me! and to think that *imbecile de mari* should run off with Tempest's wife when his own was perfectly charming!' I remind Lady Monkshood, whom I believe to the wickedest woman in London, only she is never found out, of the Frenchman, who, observing his wife, a sweetly pretty woman, "looking her very best at a ball, exclaimed· '*C'est dommage qu'elle soit ma femme car je me sens véritablement épris d'elle.*' But her ladyship stares at me with her great porcelain blue eyes as if she did not understand."

Really the coincidence is something startling. So startling indeed that, although our friend tells it with added circumstance and discourses of the people connected with the little affair his quotation illustrates, with his characteristic good taste, we will hope, for his own sake, no more such coincidences may occur. The world is *so* uncharitable dear Effendi!

Loss by Exchange.

WHATEVER may be said of the loss to the country and the Government of India by depreciation in the value of silver, *Charivari* believes that we lose much more by exchange when we replace (as the Government now continually does) the *Englishman* with the Baboo in the administration of the country.

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MUSSOORIE JOURNALISM.

The Himalaya Chronicle is out-doing itself. In a fit of virtuous exaltation it put those erring journals, *The Civil and Military Gazette* and the *Statesman*, right the other day. It has now condescended to show us how to write upon the Turkish question, and we quote the article, in all its simple beauty, entire, for it will not bear cutting:—

A truthful telegram, this time at least, tells us that Midhat Pasha, who is Frank by education and gave the Turk's a bran (sic) new constitution, has been recalled from exile by the Sublime Porte to assist the Grand Seigneur in the adventures of diplomatic, constitutional, and military successes, if they can be had, at this late hour. This is a sign of the times of Constantinople. For all their vaunts and boasts and threats of assassination these Mahomedans are at last in a blue funk of the white Czar. They dont like these intermediate battles to be fought by themselves only without allies, and as for assassination or civil war, or outrages on women, they have no idea of these calamities being turned against themselves or these beautiful Turkish women, who never go out unveiled, or as the Wallachians sang—see the late review. "These beautiful Turkish ladies, these women so delicate, who never went outside their own door, we wanted to see how they were made when stripped of their clothes, without shoes on their feet—we dragged them through the snow." This extract pretty well represents the passions of the moment in European Turkey, only this time the Turks are suffering some of the afflictions which they so often have made the Christians endure during the last 500 years or more.

We are glad to know the telegram recalling Midhat Pasha is a truthful one, because but for our contemporary's assurance to this effect we might have been misled by the subsequent disclaimer of the Porte on this head. But this is of minor importance, and is speedily forgotten by the reader in his admiration of the beauties of the vigorous and picturesque sentences which follow. Bye the bye—How does one "Assist in the adventures of diplomatic, constitutional and military successes?" What are the "adventures of successes"? The expression, though beautiful, is bewildering; will he of Mussoorie explain. But if enigmatical here, he is plain and forcible too a little further on, and though purists might object to the term "blue funk" as perhaps scarcely dignified or proper, the epithet balanced as it is against the "white Czar" has a boldness and force all its own. The rest of the article is worthy of all attention as a model of style, English, and good taste, and is worthy of—Well of the *Himalaya Chronicle*.

AN *AMENDE* HONORABLE.

"Buck" has to apologise to Major-General Lumsden for stating in his biographical notice in the last number of *Charivari* that he had seen no war services except in China. The record of war services of officers of the Bengal Staff Corps, published in the Bengal Quarterly Army List for January each year, contains no mention, even of General Lumsden's name, and it was naturally concluded that a work "published by authority" would not have passed over the services of an officer holding so high a position in the army in India. But the Bengal Army List has committed a grievous injustice to General-Lumsden, and has caused "Buck" to fall into a similar error, which the latter, however, at once endeavours to rectify, by publishing the following record of General Lumden's military services, obtained from official sources.

Major General P. S. Lumsden served with the force employed in various expeditions against the frontier tribes in 1852-53; served as D. A. Qr. Master General at the action of Punjhao, 15th April 1852; at Nowadund, Pranghur, Iskakót, and operations in the Ranezái Valley in May 1852; against the Boree Afreedees in 1853; to Shah Mooseh Kheyl against the Mohmund Tribe in 1854; expedition against the Meranzaje tribe in April 1855, including the cavalry affair at Dursummund? against the Bussy Khelut Alum in November 1855; in Meranzaie and Kooran expeditions in November 1856 (received the special thanks of the Local and the Supreme Governments). Served in a Special Military Mission to Afghanistan in 1857-58, and received the thanks of the Supreme Government (Medal with Clasp). In July 1858 he joined the Gwalior Force under General R. Napier, and was present at Ranode and subsequent pursuit in Central India (Mentioned in despatches, Medal). Accompanied the expedition to China in 1860, and was present at the actions of Sinho and Tangchow, assault and capture of the Taku Forts, and advance on Pekin (mentioned in despatches, Medal with two Clasps, and Brevet of Major).

REALLY TOO BAD.

Our able contemporary, the *Bombay Gazette*, is certainly getting very particular about trifles. The Governor-General wants a new house at Simla, and very naturally requires that it shall be well and handsomely built, and because Captain Coles has been sent home to learn how to do it, repeats some ill-natured remarks which the *Architect* makes about it. This paper says:—

"How Lord Lytton patronises architects in India may be known from a paragraph in the Calcutta *Statesman*, which says that Captain Coles, R.E., has been sent to England on full pay for eighteen months that he may study architecture in order to be able to make a design for a new house for the Governor-General at Simla." The *Architect's* comments upon this are, that "while such a round-about and expensive process is required for the instruction of a favoured official there are educated and experienced architects in India, who, for want of employment, are obliged to turn railway contractors and builders to obtain a living because they had not the good fortune to belong to the corps of Royal Engineers."

Now, can anything be more captious and unfair than this? If Lord Lytton chooses to send a gentleman home on full pay to learn to be an architect what right has any one to grumble? Really, the infatuated tax-payers will begin to imagine they have some claim to be considered in the expenditure of the funds they contribute if this sort of thing goes on. They find the funds and the Government spends them. This is surely a fair division of labour, and they ought to be satisfied. And as to the Architects out here, who are "glad to turn Railway Contractors and Builders, for want of employment" we are really surprised at the *Architect* hinting that such men, who for the sake of a livelihood, have dragged their noble profession through the mire in this way could for a moment expect to come between "the wind and the nobility" of our exquisite Viceroy. A *dilletante* himself he requires a *dilletante* architect, and seems determined to have one.

THE TEA PLANTERS LAMENT.

[Air.—*I'll hang my harp on a willow tree.*]

"I'll hang my hoe on a hybrid bush,
I'll hook it home again,
For Pekoe I care not a single rush,
And flushes give no gain.
The garden I work will soon be a wild,
With the jungle growing free,
Oh! why was I so jolly mild,
As to come out and go into Tea.
Oh! why, &c.

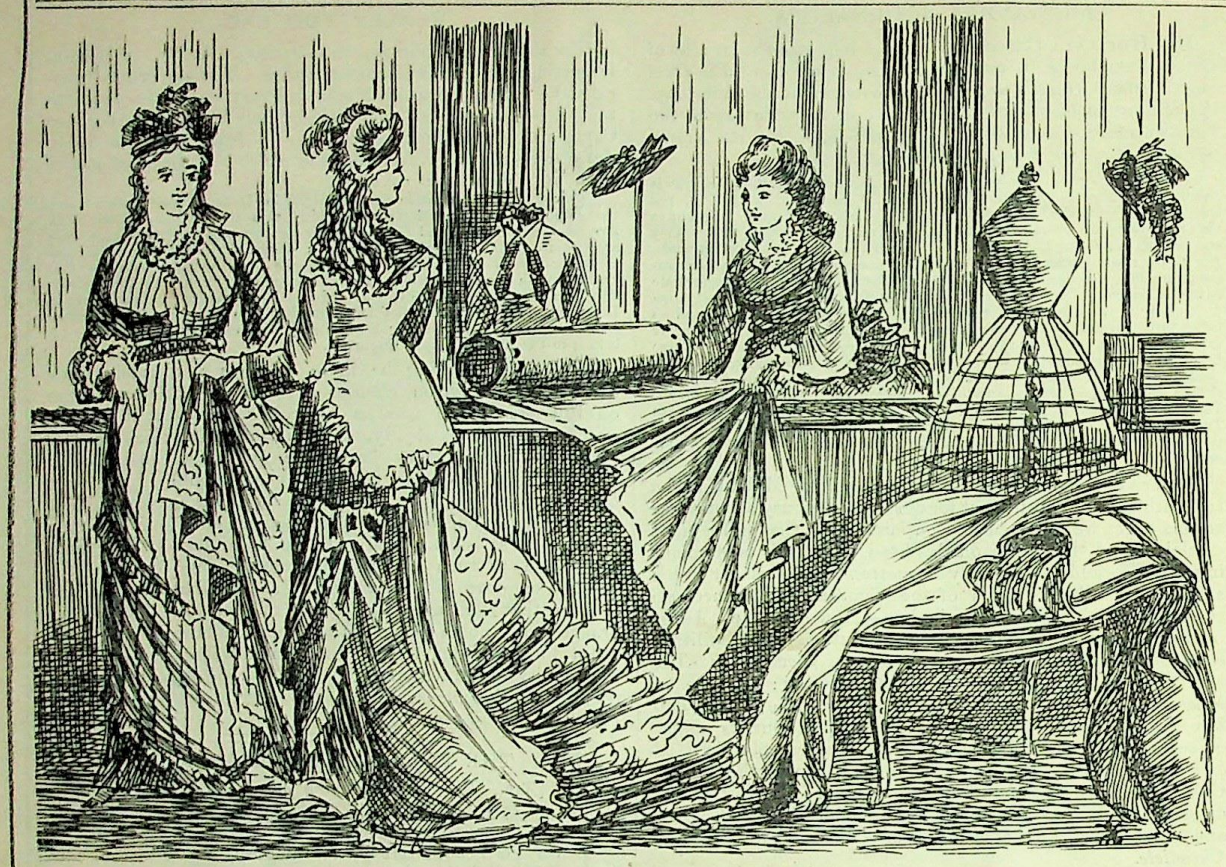
They took me away from my desk and stool,
They gave me a paper to sign;
I thought no more of my pen and rule,
As I rode on my tat so fine.
I fancied myself a howling swell,
As each shilling became a rupee,
Oh! had I but stuck to old England still,
It would have been better for me.
Oh! had I, &c.

I'll think no more of my fortunes small,
But muddle my wits with beer;
And if Companies smash and gardens fall,
Give vent to a hearty cheer.
I'll sing and I'll laugh, send care to the deuce,
As I see others coining their gold;
And if fever and swipes don't cook my goose,
I'll return to the family fold.
And if, &c.

One withered sprig of the noxious weed,
I'll stick in my hat-band tight;
And as from my sight the shores recede,
Heave it overboard out of sight.
And if ever after some slow dog
Proposes a cup of tea,
I'll say full high the glass with grog,
But Tea no more for me."
I'll say &c.

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SCENE: A MILLINER'S SHOP IN SOUTHAMPTON.

(*Two Anglo-Indian customers; and haughty "dame de comptoir" showing them some silks.*)

Miss Curry to Mrs. Rice (both just arrived). "YEH BEKM BAHUT PUTLA HAI."

Young Lady behind the counter, (who can stand it no longer.)—"YOU NEEDN'T TALK *French* MEM, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU PERFECTLY!"

FAMINE.

War hath its terrors—death by fire and sword,
Cities in ruins—armies overthrown,
The mighty war ship, by torpedo gored,
Into the air, like some light bubble blown.

But poor and puny seems the waste of war
When FAMINE 'gainst a nation rises dread,
Drives over millions its triumphant car,
And grins in ghastly mockery at the dead.

Who died in battle, midst the storm of strife,
Oft pass away with scarce a poignant pang,
In the wild charge might render up their life,
While yet the echo of their glad cheer rang.

But Famine's victims—not for them the death,
That sharp, and sudden, comes amidst the fray,
But long slow torture as the ebbing breath;
From the thin sands of starv'd life lags away.

And hollow-Ey'd and pinch'd with ceaseless pain
Each glares on other' neath the unpitying skies
(Brutally bright, without a sign of rain)
And envies each sad comrade as he dies.

Powerless they struggle in the serpent folds,
That crush the weak and paralyse the strong;
Will THOU not help? Oh what THINE arm withholds
To stay the scourge! How long, OH LORD! How long?

SET A THIEF, ETC.

AN exquisite piece of snobbery on the part of that exquisite snob, Hepworth Dixon, has thus been fully exposed by *Reis Effendi* in a late letter to the *Englishman*:—

I wonder why the Lord Mayor and other civil dignitaries invite literary people to their banquets, and especially *Mr. Hepworth Dixon*, who cut a very foolish figure at the Star and Garter the other day. At the dinner of the Police Committee of the Corporation he was assigned the toast of the Lord Mayor, and actually made an onslaught on that gentleman for omitting to invite him to the Mansion House during the present season. He was instantly subdued by the remark that, as he had not chosen during eight months to inscribe his name in the visitors' book, he had been forgotten.

This is excellent in its way, and more excellent still as an exemplification of the truth of the old adage suggested above. *Reis Effendi* is down upon snobbery with unerring certainty.

Appropriate Ceremony.

Some surprise has been affected (*Charivari* thinks needlessly) by some of his contemporaries at Holkar, and his wife appearing in the *role* of agriculturists to assist at a ceremony intended to propitiate the gods and induce them to send rain. Of course as a *reigning* potentate himself he must know best about the propriety of such a step.

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DEATH'S HARVESTERS.

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NOT EASILY DISTURBED.

This is the Chowkydar of the period flying a Kite, while appreciative lookers-on nod approval and cry Wah! Wah! Serenely indifferent to the block of vehicles, shouts of drivers, and general obstruction.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

Our London Correspondent's Letter

Dear Charivari,

—"Mane, piger, stertis? Surge, inquit—" Charley this morning, reminding me to collect my bi-menstrual notes and dissipate for the nonce my growing cerebral inspissation * When sowing his wild *oats* you may know a *rip* by his *tares*, Martin Tupper. When found make *an oat* of. You will find it in his *chef-d'œuvre* which is a *shade dufferer* than his other works. As the late Judge Lushington remarked of a remarkable yarn (not one of your Indian ones, Sir,) "As you were an eye-witness, of course, I am bound to believe you; but I would not have believed it had I seen it myself," which reminds me of those dreadful anti-Rimmell days when men of little scents raised the cry of No Potpourri.

There were some hopes entertained by the liberal organs—not those ground in the street: they are too liberal—that one of the standards taken by the Turks at Biela was our London conservative contemporary and a relapse ensued on the news that the Turks had been obliged to abandon it again. I wish you'd made me your War Correspondent, Sir.* I once navigated *Die Blaue Donau—Das Schoneste Flusz in ganzem Deutschland* and from the way I admired the clustering vine-clad mountains and its sparkling vintage, I am sure I should have again enjoyed." The champagne on the Danube† "Attitude is everything"—in love and war. I therefore watch most anxiously all papers dealing with the attitude of Roumania. *At it you'd* be better, perhaps, but

* Charley's School board education is phenomenal. Here he is quoting the 5th Satire of Persius, besides indulging in cowrie-a-lining which would do honour to our contemporary the I. D. N. when metaphysical.—Ed.

* So do we heartily. Before the end of the Wars you might have gone to *peaces*.—Ed.

† You'd find out the difference between campaign and champagne very soon. The *grapes* of the former vintage are even more death-dealing than those of the latter—neither, when good, need any *ambush*. O. L. L. would also remark a difference between the field of battle and the field of bottle: in both cases he would probably be found dead on the field; but in the latter, dead drunk.—Ed.

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too "Far away where Baboos dwell."* By private telegram I hear that the Turks wish to repair their breaches by letting a peace into the seat of war: the question is who's to reseat the bill. Of Kars this Erzeroum piece of work and the Turk has put his leg in it, I *trow Sir*†

This, Sir, is a summer of unexampled severity.‡ If one pound, avoirdupois, of meat will keep two days, how long will three pounds keep? *Humani est animi odisse quem læseris.*§ —Tacitus, Agricola.

Fishing for ironclads is becoming a fashionable national amusement. Many are purposely sunk, after all expenses of equipment and so on, for the mere pleasure of hooking them up again. Many take their hook altogether and are *not* brought up again for *divers* reasons. Nathless, one of our English ironclads has committed assault—with peppering—on the finest vessel in the possession of *Peru*. We *peruse* with equanimity that the English *bite* was too strong for the *Peruvian barque*, even had the latter been Ixion clad ‖

It is a strange thing that thousands of years ago the present Khedive's wish to buy in as much property as possible at the cheapest rate, even should he have to sell one of his principal cities, should have been prophesied in the exact words:—*Vili vultis emere, et Cairo vendere*! This was the saying of one of the ancient Roumans.¶ That Horace thought it worth his while, in one of his satires, to warn Roumania against an invasion of the black man seems also strange, but he says distinctly. "Behold the nigger! Beware of him, O dweller in Roumania"! or O Roumany! "No, Sir, *not* O Romaney"! Hic niger est! Hunc Romane, caveto!"

Gladstone, yclept William Ewart, has been doing a short provincial starring tour in Devonshire. Everywhere he has put in his *spoke* for the common *wheel;* and was never *tired*. One enthusiastic delegate suggested, as the easiest way of accomplishing his darling object, the disestablishment of the Church of England, "may every parson kill a priest and take the legal consequences!" Another observed *a propos* to local agricultural prosperity that "If there were a few more pigs and less parsons, it would be better for the country." This is getting parsonal.

I note, Sir, that in a recent horse case, the unwilling purchaser testified as an objection to his brute that "he would *back* when he saw a friend coming." How he could design an animal of such human intelligence, a brute, I fail to see. I myself frequently backed on the sight of an approaching friend. I once** ran away from a tailor. A friend of mine ran away from a woman.†† The plaintiff in this case though not austere shed a tear over his horse. Needless to state that, according to the custom of the trade, the quadruped——it was not a tripod—was warranted. Mr. Kingdon in defence said, that in the case of a horse there were always two sides of such a one as this; *he*, the learned counsel, should prefer the front side, and would leave to his illiterate friend the side which was left. There was also his client's side to be considered, which was the right side, and had been kicked. He left to his lordship the consideration of any other side which might present itself to his legal acumen. So much for the tale of a horse.

There are worse monitors than those employed in war abroad: one of the Christ's Hospital public school monitors to wit. The staunch upholders of fagging and flogging will find it difficult to defend a system by which a strong lad, who had taken athletic prizes, has just committed suicide to escape the persecution of his fellows. "I suffered much extremity in youth—very near this." Once when the bullying, fagging and flogging had almost entirely broken my spirit, I took a walk on to a high portion of the old city wall and like Box in the farce of he and Cox took one lingering look into the yawning chasm beneath and * * * walked away in the opposite direction, my courage deserting me at the crisis—luckily for *you*, Sir.* People referring to Christ's Hospital in future will exclaim—That school!

Oh! the temptations of Beauty, Sir! *I* know what it is to be handsome. Ye ken that beautiful play of the Tempest. Well, a proper baronet (not a wheelbarrownet) had an improper lady, both of that name. Her beauty was on every lip. No, not so bad as that but—*you* know what I mean. When Mr. Hungerford passed that way, she took a Hungerford bus and eloped—I mean *she* loped: *he* loped too. He came, he saw, he conquered, and liked to Cæsar. She took her charms to Hungerford market. This a bridge meant (Hungerford). Result:—(1) Sir Charles sues for divorce; (2) Mrs. Hungerford, ditto; (3) The husband of the lady who aided the *escapade*, ditto. (4) Possibly many trades-folk and servants implicated in the elopement will sue for divorces and separate maintenances.

"For some must work and others weep
Thus run the girls away!"

I am aware that this expression relates to a "*strucken* dear" who was wont to "play" with an "ungalled heart."—*Shakespeare*. Meanwhile, no one runs away with Aunt Jane—more the other way. The aristocracy is ageing of it! They must be put on a better footing—a good understanding. Their bad morals must be laced.

This morning the wind fell! I have heard nothing as yet as to any injuries it has sustained in dropping such a distance. "This has somewhat dashed your spirits," said I to an old sailing boatman; "not a yacht," answered he, Othello-wise.

The agitation for Sunday closing still continues. It does not affect me, as I wear my Sunday close in the week and *vice versâ*, when well brushed, which is seldom; Aunt Jane's motto evidently being "No brush obleege."† The same old difficulty still remains of blending Beer and the Bible.

A Carpenter, member of a Low Church League, has been found at midnight chopping up the Reverend Tooth's confessional box in St. James's Church. "And a good chop too," say his friends. At present he's in the wrong box—a prisoner's. It was a dark night, yet he sawed his way planely, but if he'd lost it could not have axed it. Tooth objected to being chiselled out of his box and put the screw on. I should have thought an ale or two would have settled the matter.

Pigs are about sixpence a pound now. "Sheep are depressed," most likely at the above cheap price of pigs, which is perhaps on account of the war. *Parkwar?* Beef and mutton average, 8*d*. Talking about fat beasts, I see that another juryman has recanted and published his revised opinion that the Claimant *is* the man after all—an opinion always held by your correspondent and many other lunatics. The supply of grain is limited, though Government have not put a wheato on it. *My* corn has been cut already. The customs announce a deficit in revenue in 1875 of twenty-four millions, all in exports. But export is of no import, and we need dread no permanent decrease. "It was my father's customs, and so it shall be mine!" I don't hold with them myself ever; since I did a fourteen shilling Boulogne excursion, and was caught smuggling two thousand cigars and fined accordingly. At least I *should* have been fined but wasn't found. My notions of "The Smuggler Bold and Free, with a yeo-ho-o!

* This *ought* to increase our native circulation—more even than a rattan.—Ed.
† Translation:—Of course this here's a rum, &c., Itrouser.—Ed.
‡ So it seems.—Ed.
§ So it appears by the way you afflict us.—Ed.
‖ Any covert allusion here—we wonder, to Hick's iron and sword? N. T. Hicks, the popular "Bray wo' Icks" the great broad sword fighter and melodramatic actor at the Victoria Theatre.—Ed.
¶ We must warn our readers against our imbecile's confusion of Romans and Roumania.—Ed.
** Are you sure it was only once?—Ed.
†† We have enquired into this case. It turns out to have been—nothing extraordinary—his wife.—Ed.

* That's a matter of opinion.—Ed.
† *Noblesse oblige?*—Ed.

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lads, Heave a-hoy," have since been considerably modified. Instead of attempting to "heave a hoy"—whatever that may be—I heave a sigh at the recollection, aside.

Floods in the North. Part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway (would it had been company—one of the most disgraceful, and that's saying a great deal, in England) swept away, and Lancashire cotton mills temporarily converted into water mills near Wigan and Blackburn.

There was a good demand for money yesterday. (Private stock exchange—I've two brokers in the house at this moment.) The racing men are looking after their patron Saint? Leger.

The heinous offence of not having a home to shelter brokers in is gaining ground. Seven days' imprisonment is freely accorded to any (poor) person sleeping in the open air, which latter I suppose legally belongs to local boards and municipalities who do their best to pollute it in every way. But you and I, Sir, can get drunk and sleep where we fall in the road. "Let the poor jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

There's a difficulty (arose last night in the House) as to whether the Turkish blockade is efficacious and as to their right to search their own waters. Perhaps Spiers and Pond could give a wrinkle as to blending the Porte with its waters? The report of the death of the ruler of Kashgar is Ameer fabrication. Mr. Bright came out strong on Fiji Mr. Lowther in reply made rather an efFiji of himself didn't seem to care a f-i-g about the matter; but a Gordon to accounts two chiefs (which I have since ascertained, at my own expense) were not handkerchiefs, but subsequently handcuffedchiefs) stirred up rebellion and eat their prisoners, which led to internal strife. It threatened to be eternal; but Sir A Gordon casually hung the curs—with the prisoners who died, jesting inside them when they became hang'deurchiefs. Mr. Lowther and Mr. Bright,—the former's nothing to do whith either Arcade, though "Arcades ambo,"—had a side spar as to whether cannibalism should be regarded as a custom or a crime. It seems to me something between a customary crime and a criminal custom. At any rate Fiji prisoners ought to be accustomed to be eaten by this time. At the present day many a chief is swallowing in his crime. The Chancellor of the Exchequer promised to produce some papers relative to the shortness of the trial the two aforesaid chiefs had achiefed if Mr. Bright would not Fijit (fidget).

Petersburgh (July 15th) says Nicopolis was taken by them on the preceding day, together with two Pachas and 6,000 Turks. This news, however, requires confirmation. The Turks may give another version of the affair and each of those Pachas be one of many tales.*

The Turks must regret ever having perpetrated atrocities in Bulgaria; now they see what the Russians can do in that line Their navy seems to be disposed of with ease, with masked batteries and the torpedo which, I told you, the English Government refused to buy. Are batteries as useful when concealed, is a question for the Russians? Let them mask them for a reply.

The Russians (according to Moslem accounts) applied last Sunday near the Balkans for a "pass" into the Theatre of War. This the Turkish management refused, and on some Russians claiming to be on the free list, hung them all and exhibited their bodies as a proof that "the free list is entirely suspended." Notwithstanding, a determined attempt to pass in without paying at the doors was made subsequently, when the performances commenced with an overture by the manager to give a check to every Russian presenting himself. Such checks were not found transferable. The scenes were shifted rather too quickly for the Cossacks, and they did not stop for the conclusion—the amusing trifle from the French "Turn Him Out."

* A Pacha of many tails.—Ed.

Mademoiselle Price has finished 698 miles out of her thousand, in a thousand hours, and is confident of success Price, (of admission) 6d. I would not attempt it at any mademoiselle price. What a nice wife she'd make! What do you say, Sir? Walker? Oh, that's *very* rude.

"Sir," said the lexicographical Johnson. Let us take a walk down Fleet St. The peculiar sententiousness of which apothegm lies in its application. Have you tasted Carlowitz? If not, don't—nor any other wines of MaxGreger's Gathering.

The Rotunda Theatre in Liverpool has been burned to the ground in the midst of its prosperous career—gone the way of all theatrical bricks and mortar sooner or later.

Great preparations are being made for a proper reception of the Colorado beetle, which is apprehended to be a greater nuisance than your Calcutta betel.

The notorious Mrs. Jury has returned from Sydney whither she had been sent by the Claimant's friends to see if a lunatic confined at the Paramatta Asylum were her brother. Arthur Orton, or not. She report's: "No." I used to live, by the bye, in a farm called Mark Lodge, close to Bedlam Point where the aforesaid asylum is situate. Good Gracious, Suppose it should turn out that Your London Lunatic is Arthur Orton! I don't know whether I ought or Orton to suggest this; but certainly we are Arthur—a strange family.

Save your Carpets. "What for? To make druggets of? I believe you *do* save your carpets in India—and everything else save money. "The Glenpatrick Carpet Lining supplies a long felt want." Do, you See?" Ha-ha-ha! Glenpaddy is a wag, a *long felt* want, carpet lining! How do you want your Carpet lining Long felt.

I find myself alluded to in a quack advertisement to which I had, for a consideration, contributed a testimonial as one out of Ten Thousand Cures; "Don't you consider that personal, Sir? The testimonial I sent was as follows:—Sir, I tried a little of your Infallible Heavy Moustache grower on a billiard ball. In a few minutes it was so thickly covered with hirsute adornments that the cat coming in at the moment mistook it for her youngest and tried to feed it; while my wife took it for a hair pad, but found that form of hirsute did not suit her." Not so Pad, was it?

The Eureka Shirts of Ford are good, but if you cannot afFord Eureka shirts you cannot have Ford's Eureka shirts. *Quod Erat Demonstrandum.*

One item of really delightful news is that after a long trial a gas company has been convicted and fined and got to pay all the costs. This news is equally charming whether the company were in the right or the wrong—supposing a chartered company ever were in the right, which is doubtful. At any rate, these have had justice metered out to them at last The cause of action was *a* smell. In *the* opinion of the public,—not shareholders—all companies "stink i' the nostril."

"Sweets to the Sweet." Parisian ladies now carry viniagrettes to scent their bouquets with! There is a tendency in fashions to re-introduce the Greek robes, A la Niobe; but whole, not like her, "*all tears.*" In the days of the young Consul—the great Napoleon—these gathered togas were in fashion, upon which was written the exquisite lyric—"O, let us be happy toga-ther!" Madame Tallien remarked of these costumes *qu'elles avaient l'avantage de concilier la pudeur avec la nudite.*"

That's a naughty remark of the *Times*. "The satirical rogue" says "that if the business of the House progresses satisfactorily, we may expect about the 10th of August to see Parliament *prorogued.*" That is, I presume, if Our Gracious Majesty exercises Her Royal Prerogue-ative.

With which,

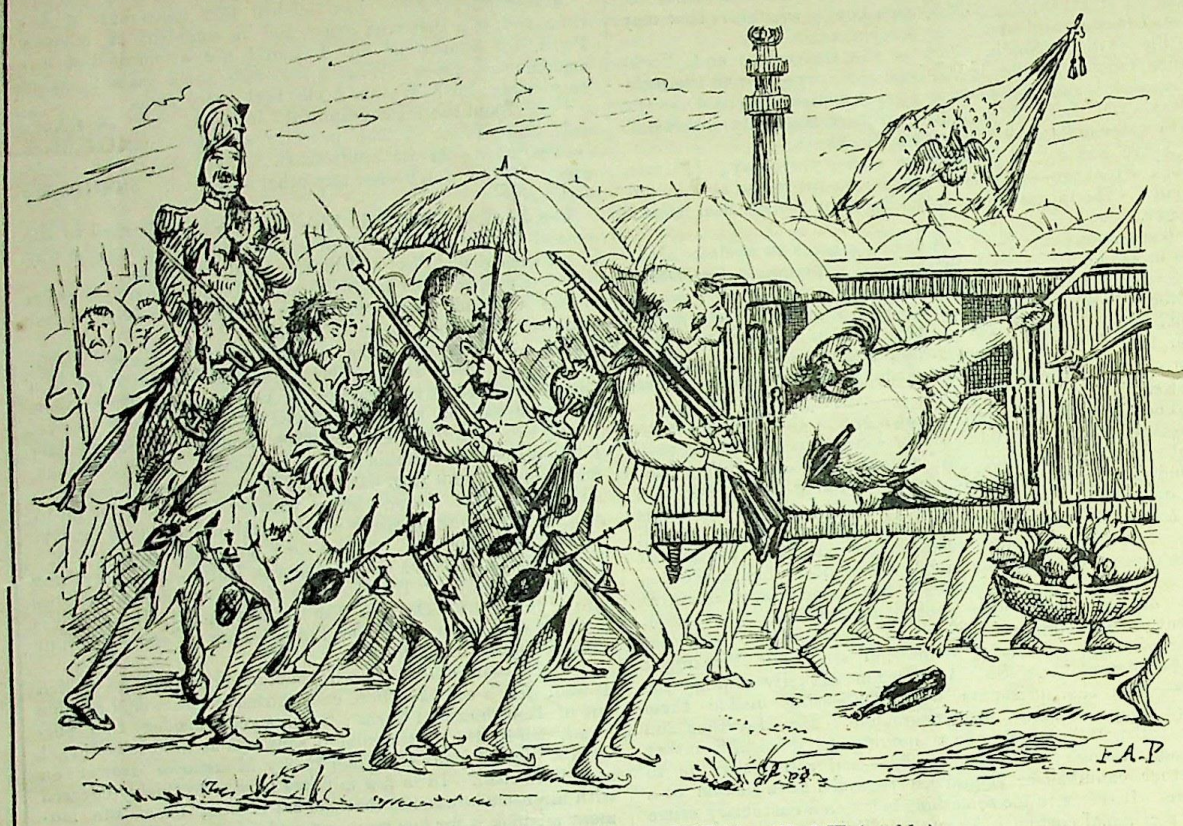
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SELF GOVERNMENT FOR BENGAL—(*No 3 Westward ho.*)

The National and Patriotic Army fairly embarked on the Highway to Glory.

"RIFLEMEN FORM."

Charivari observes with pleasure that the Old "Kurnal" has again come out of his shell (though he will presumably still appear at proper times in his shell jacket) to call Calcutta to arms, and with equal pleasure he hears that the call is being warmly responded to. Recollect young men that although no future Delhi tamasha looms in the air, there may yet be some other gathering where you may be required and taken without paying—what "none but the brave deserve"—*viz.* the fare.

INTELLIGIBLE—VERY!

Our contemporary, the *Statesman*, under the heading "Sporting Notes and Club Gossip," gives us the lucubrations of a gentleman at home who is supposed to understand all about Sport and to be a Clubbable individual. Whatever may be the merits of this gentleman's contributions, they have, at least so we believe, been, on the whole, intelligible, so much so that our classical Baboo, with the assistance of a Ruff's guide as a supplement to their instructions, has been slowly building himself up as a sporting authority. He has, however, had his confidence rudely shaken by one or two perplexing matters which occur in a late utterance of his "guide philosopher and friend." The statement that some one (Peck we believe) gave forty-one thousand guineas for a two-year old was sufficiently perplexing, but wondering much at the fearful price of racing horseflesh our C. B. struggled on, till he was completely floored by the following paragraphs:—

The Princess pays her first visit to Newmarket to-day to see Alep run. Placida at 9st. has been backed against Thunderstone 8st. 8lbs., both three-year olds, over the Rowley mile for £500—200 forfeit. The match was thus left drawn altogether in favour of the gentlemen, who would have had to go in to get 99 runs to win.

"Can your honour inform me what is the unimpeachable definition, or so to speak correct designation, of this, Sir?" (Such is our C. B.'s simple style of conversation) to the Sub-editor. *Charivari* is happy to say that he was able to prevent a gross imposture being successfully practised on his Aryan brother. That mad wag, our "Sub" was just replying cheerfully but guilefully:—

"That's all right Baboo, you see even with 99 runs they would only have won by two "goals," a "rouge" and a "touch down" with no break to finish and both balls in baulk."

Thus far had he proceeded when our voice admonished him to desist, and we promised our Aryan brother to enquire the meaning of that mysterious passage in our contemporary's sporting columns, which we confess puzzles us as much as it did our simple Baboo.

PAYNEFUL INDEED.

The Calcutta Municipal Commissioners are anxiously awaiting the new law of Master and Servant, as the way they are treated by their servants is positively *payneful*.

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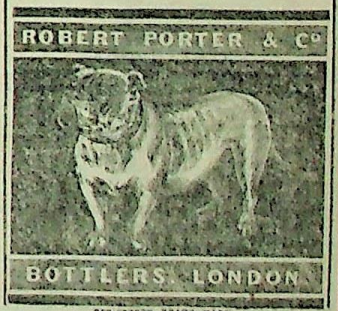
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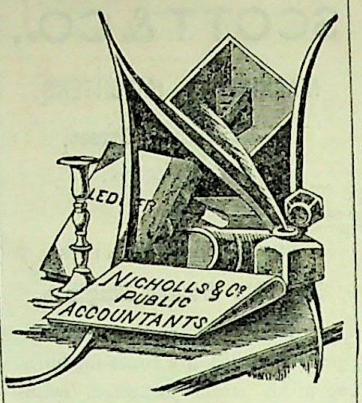
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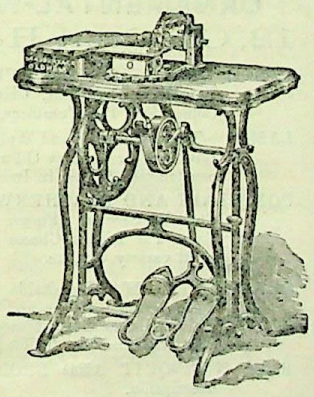
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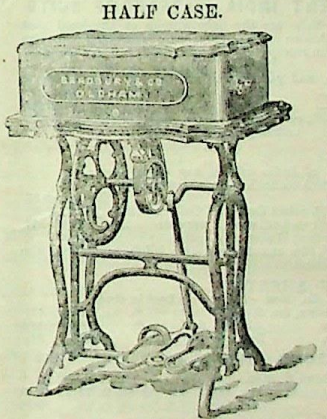
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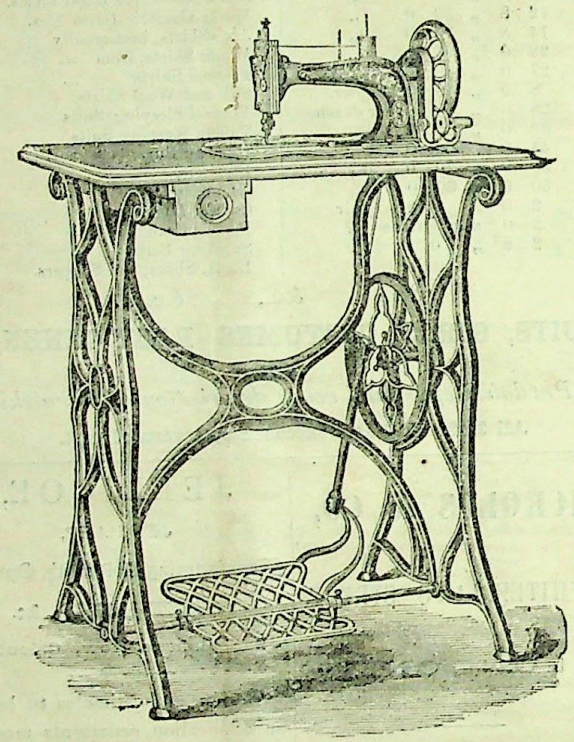
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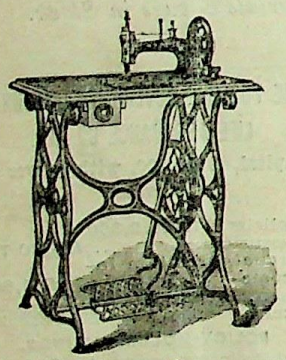
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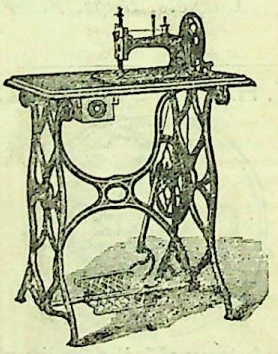
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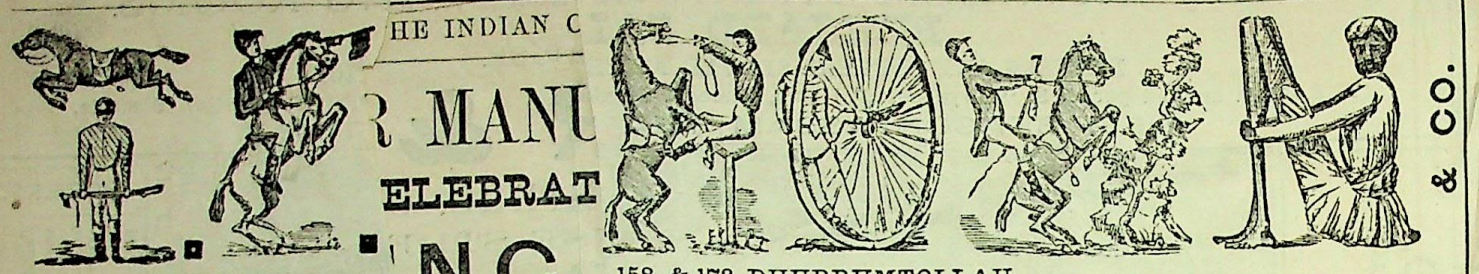
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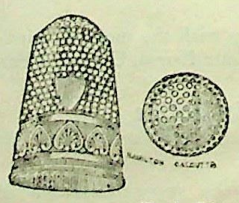
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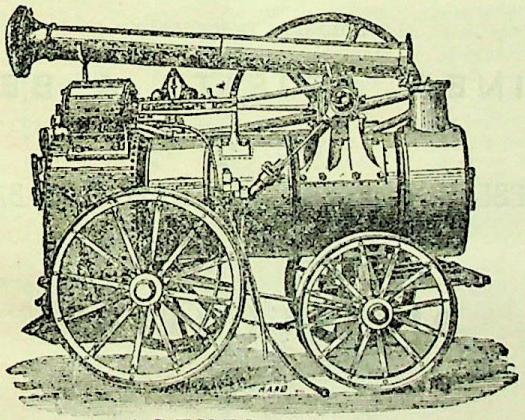
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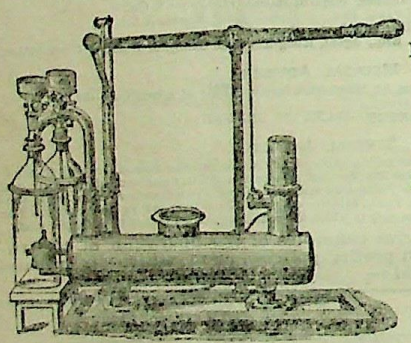
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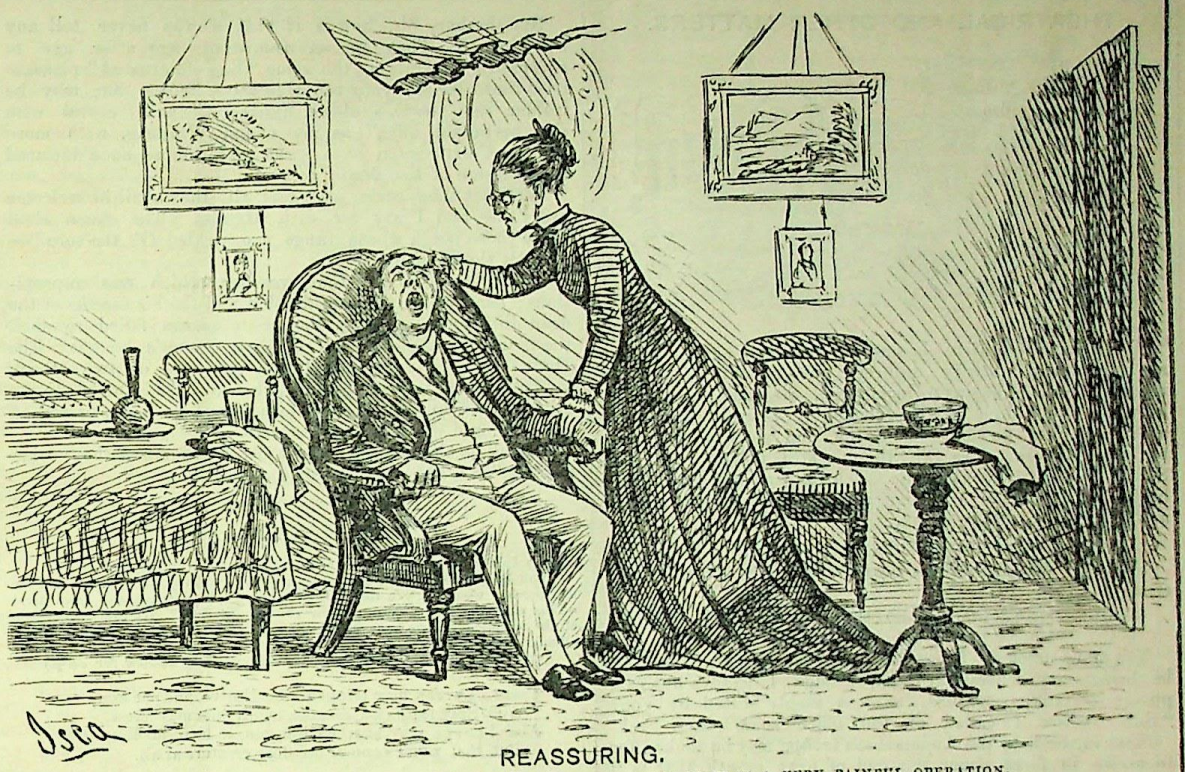
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Should the husband object there's an opportunity for shewing the grey mare the better horse. "Backs are made fiddleshaped and tacked at the extremity to a foundation." This is beyond my *modiste* ken. Fruit-baskets are worn on the head. We've just seen one as big as a washerwoman's on a girl's head, but I mean not that; I mean by ladies *en grande tenue*. Sham fruit on the crown imbedded in moss and flat brims: cherries, strawberries, &c.‡

All alone.—There's evidently not much *interest* as yet in the East India Loan Bill. The Government has resolved for the present to leave it a loan.

* 'A grecin' with it?—Ed.
† 'A brown' is slang for a penny.—Ed.
‡ How would the Calcutta crows approve this fashion.—Ed.

A MARE'S NEST.

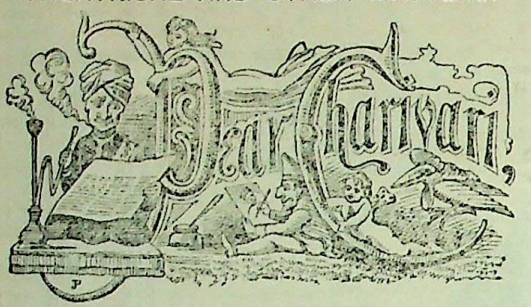
The writer to the *Pioneer*, who has lately kindly taken to favouring us with réchauffés of literary reviews that we have all read before (in imitation, perhaps, of the snob-scribbler who supplies the *Englishman* with cribs from the *World* and *Vanity Fair*), tells us that he once fell in with a remarkable old gentleman who mentioned that, when in Japan, he "had discovered traces of a new *cult*, the votaries fo which repair to solitudes in the woods, where they worship before a piece of looking-glass."

This old gentleman, it seems, has "been in every corner of the world." Ah, just so. If he had stayed at home and *got married*, he wouldn't have seen much novelty in the looking-glass cult, would he, sweet beings?

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



Your representative begins to see land ahead. After an interval of dreary dulness, the advent of another theatrical season begins to loom large, Sir, and we shall be soon on the tiptoe of expectancy, if indeed expectancy should happen to have a tiptoe and be willing for us to stand thereon. Yes, Sir, though still journeying in the Sahara desert of *ennui* the Calcuttaite (neat word that) begins to hope for a change at last. The amusements are approaching us. So to speak, Sir,

"Nearer and nearer the camel bells ring."

First we may expect to hear the war cry Nigger Minstrelsy.

"Redeem my banjo, charge again. *
Cry Carson to the rescue."

Yes and Carson to "the Royal" also. I hear, Sir, that he brings ten others with him, though I believe not as a purely *ten*tative measure, as was rashly stated by your "Sub" when I called at the office some days back.

Next in the field the Andersonian troupe may be looked for to arrive in force about the end of next month, that is if any trust can be placed in advertisements, and acting manager's statements are to be relied on. No Sir, I do not give any double meaning to *re-lied* in the last sentence, but write the above in good faith, and I hope in good time for publication also. About their merits it will be time to speak anon; and it would be early to talk about welcome. Then we are promised the Opera! Bye-the-bye, I think the cold season here, Sir, is the true *hop era* as being decidedly a proper time to dance; however, we are to have the Italian Opera as well, and as I like to give you all the facts connected with these companies, I shall visit Mr. Massa, and, while I'*m ascer*taining what he intends doing, negotiate for a good seat for the season.

Appropriately a *Circus* comes to close the *round* of promised gaieties, and when tired of Signora Tintinabulini's syren song, or bored with Comedy and other stage-plays, when Nigger minstrelsy fails to soothe the sickness at his heart, your representative, Sir, will

"Away to the tented field."

And in witnessing the caracols (not that they do carry coals, Sir, †) of the highly-trained steeds, the witcheries of the bounding peris in their banner-waving, hoop "vaulting ambition" figuring on their backs, will re-youth himself. Then, Sir, while listening to the merry jests of the clown, the same which raised the boisterous laughter of his childhood, and later on forced grinning approval from his more self-restrained adolescence, he will

"Think he is again a child."‡

Bye-the-bye, Sir, how is it that clowns never tell any new jokes? They go on repeating, age after age to successive generation, the same "fine old crusted" pleasantries that, for all your representative knows, Sir; may be "older than earth's oldest dynasties," and "coeval with the perpetual hills," as my friend Windbag, with more beauty of expression than strict truthfulness, once declared the pedigree of his family to be.

Well, let them come, jokes and all, they shall be welcome every one, and I say Sir with Hamlet "The clown shall make those laugh whose lungs are tickled O' the sere"—Aye let them come!

I was pleased to see that weather, which was unpropitious; heat, which was considerable, and the *vis inertiæ* of the dead dull central calm of the rainy season failed to spoil the house on the occasion of Rosa Cooper's benefit. The Dum-Dum Amateurs, Mrs. Leslie and one or two others, kindly stepped into the gap which I, Sir, had hoped to see others help to fill. The entertainment, however, passed off capitally, and was a genuine success.

I think on this occasion I will not touch upon the "other matters," Sir, but conclude for the present.

* Charge again? This is a libel by our representative. We believe the eminent Negro Comedian alluded to is quite satisfied to charge once.—Ed.

† Of course, we know that. We could fancy the gallant animals in question if threatened with such an indignity replying in the words of the "Divine Williams," "O my word we'll not carry coals."

‡ No doubt, second childhood, the joint effect of pale brandy on the brain, and a rush of bad puns to the tongue.—Ed.

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And Temple may humbug him too, if he'll let him,
But that won't content the dear creature at all.

It isn't enough that the gushers set o'er him,
Fools if they don't know him, and knaves if they do,
Combine to abase his white masters before him,
And rob them, to please him, of what is their due.

The Baboo, high-rampant, will not be contented
With sometimes a Fuller, or Gordon, or Weld,
His hatred to Sahibs won't fully be vented
Till all we have now in his clutches is held.

So, casting about for new fields for his lying,
Fresh Sahibs to butter, bamboozle, and cheat
The Atrocity-monger afar off espying,
The spots, for his purpose one object most meet.

How *is* it that Gladstone, the truthful, the candid,
For liars so pure such affinity shows?
At present with Muscovite hypocrites banded,
He next may take up Baboo-liars. Who knows?

Ah, there is a prospect—the Arch-Gusher stumping
Bengal, the white tyrants abusing like mad,
With Baboos their crocodile tears freely pumping
As victims of Sahibs so wicked and bad!

"Injustice we suffer from Englishmen cruel,
But closed are our mouths, and we cannot complain,
Oh, hasten, then, to us, sweet Sentiment's Jewel,
In Humanity's cause, quick, begin a campaign."

To the great Anglo-Russian the Baboo who hungers
To have what his masters now have, howls and whines,
And of course the fierce chief of Humanity-mongers
That his clients oppressed are by tyrants opines.

So, soon, we suppose that unspeakable Saxons
Will figure as now do, "unspeakable Turks"
And depart, "bag and baggage," that India's dear black sons
May never hear further of them or their works.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

[By D. I. S. Content, Esq.]

"We were seven," that is, I invited six other fellows, to go with me on board the "James and Mary" for a jollification F. O. B. Although Tom Trot declined on the plea of having a previous engagement, still, I am sure, that I saw him in his buggy on the Esplanade, pass the ship several times, and looking, as I thought, wistfully at us, doubtless sorry that he was not one of the party. The Captain was not on board when we arrived, but it was evident we were expected, for a beautiful cake and glasses were laid out in the cabin, while a range of spirit bottles, well filled, stood on the sideboard. The first mate, who I thought had a peculiar grin on his face, as if he was enjoying some secret joke, received us as we came over the side, and said he expected the Captain every minute. The ship had been laden with coals, which they had been discharging, by means of a large basket, attached with block and tackle to the main stay, and the men had just knocked off work when Captain Sternbold came on board.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen!" said he, taking off his hat, with a great flourish of politeness, so entirely at variance with his rough, uncouth manner, at our first meeting, that I could scarcely believe him to be the same person. "I'm a little late, but will make up for that Suppose we adjourn to the cabin, and take some refreshment. Steward, is every thing right?" This last interrogatory, in his natural voice, all his conversation to us previously having been in an affected tone, as if he were acting a part.

"Yes, Sir, everything is has you hordered," replied the Steward.

"Sit down, gentlemen, there is plenty of room, and don't spare the grog. There's brandy, whiskey, and gin, as you see. Help yourselves. I've had that cake made purposely for ye. I don't know all your names, but ye're welcome. Here's your good healths all."

Now, really, I like this kind of open-heartedness, and the frank way of the Captain at once dissipated any little lurking suspicion in my mind that there was something not quite all right in the proceedings. So we not only took one glass each all round, but were soon busy with our second. The cake was cut too, and those who partook of the first slice had another, as they said it was excellent. The Captain was in the best of spirits, and told us several funny stories of his adventures in various parts of the world, at which we laughed immensely. "By the bye," said he, "perhaps some of you, gentlemen, would like to have a look round the ship before dark. If so, why, we had better not lose time."

The large basket was still hanging over the main hatch, when two or three of the party said they would like to go down the hold, and have a look below.

"Here Mr Nipper," sung out the Captain to the first officer, "send three or four hands aft here. There's no ladder, so you must go down in the basket. It's rather dirty, but if you stand up and hold fast tight to the rope, you ll be all right."

The novelty of such a descent was, of course, just the thing to suit men like Charley Stocks, and Bearing, so they stepped into the basket, and were soon "down amongst the coals."

"Like going down a mine," they shouted up to us from the bottom. "Come on." Tom Buller and Phisgig now got into the basket.

"I say, Mr. Content," said the Captain whispering to me, and nudging me in the side, shall we send 'em aloft? 'Twill be good fun, eh?"

"By Jove," yes, I replied, looking up to the clock attached to the main stay." "Send them up to take an observation."

"Heave ahoy, boys there," said the Captain pointing up to the stay. "Now then, up with her, handsomely. Right up to the block, and then make fast," he added with a knowing wink. We three, who were left on deck, roared with laughter as we saw our two friends in the basket, whipped up, and the line made fast at a belaying pin by the side.

"How do you feel up there, boys?" we shouted out, "a fine view, eh?" And Downey who was standing by my side began to sing "Up in a balloon boys, up in a balloon," whilst I looking down the hold echoed with "Down among the coals!" to the other two.

"Suppose we leave them for a minute or two," suggested the Captain, "and we'll go in and have another glass and a song just to tantalise em a bit, eh!"

"The very thing I was about to propose," I answered, "for to tell you the truth, Captain. I'm not feeling very well, and I think a little brandy would do me good."

"Come on then," said he," there I will give you "The man that can feel for another," and off started that gentleman in stentorian tones and in the deepest of bass voices. I really did not enter into the enjoyment he appeared to feel, as he thumped the table, and roared out "chorus" at the end of each verse. In fact, I could not join in the chorus, for I really was becoming worse every minute. To describe the agonies and misery I suffered that evening would melt the heart of any body, I am sure; but Captain Sternbold, roared away at his song, and laughed to that extent, that I greatly wondered he had not had an appoplectic attack.

Whether our friends in the basket up aloft or those "down amongst the coals" were attacked in the way I was, I know not, for I really was so ill that I could not attend to them, and how I got off from the ship I am equally at a loss to know. When I think of it, I really pitied Buller and Phizgig up in that basket.

Just as I stept ashore who should drive up, but that infernal Tom Trot, with his handkerchief in his mouth, as usual. "Well, how have you enjoyed yourselves, eh? Sternbold is a rum'un." I could have kicked him that I could, but—

"Stop a minute, and let us know all about it, old fellow. I told you what F. O. B. was, did not I? Don't be in such a hurry."

"D—your F. O. B.," said I, getting into a ticca gharry and driving of. How shall I face those other fellows when I next meet them! I know this is all Master Tom Trot's doing.

DICKON AMONG THE PARSEE "DUCKS."

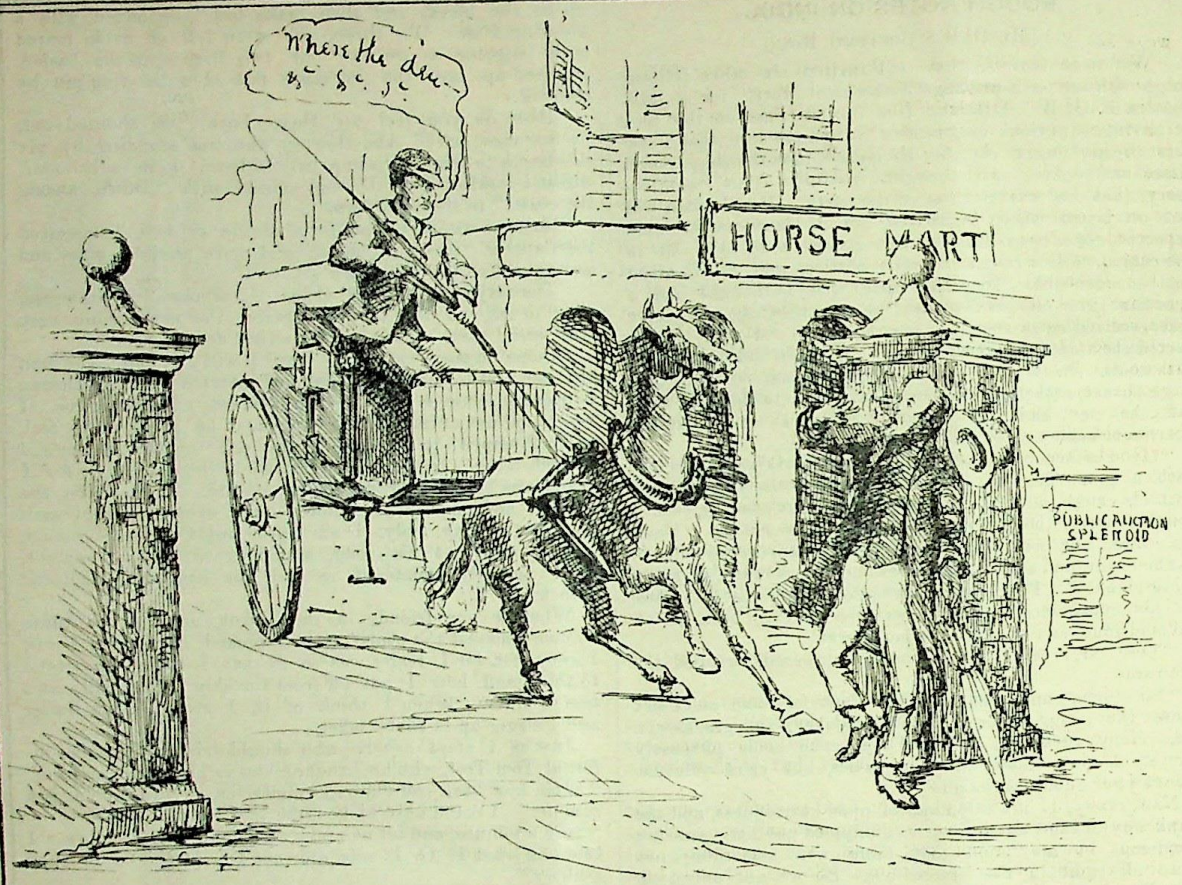
The spectacle of our "loved and lost" Bart. "improving the occasion" of the Parsee leader's death, and the minds of his followers simultaneously, the other day, must have been a sight to remember. *Charivari* had thought that His Exquisite Excellency stood alone in the polite art of ornate speechifying, but lo! Dickon puts in his claim to be considered, and "speaks a piece" which, if not quite so polished or apt, at least, must be admitted ambitious enough; embracing a range of poetical quotation from Moore to Firdosee, with allusions to philosophers thrown in *ad lib.* And then how delightfully he tickled his hearers' vanity in that little quotation from Lalla Rookh, with its judicious excision, of what did not suit the occasion. The idea of introducing lines written in scorn of Persian degeneracy as complimentary by leaving out a clause was worthy of a Temple. Tommy Moore says or sings:—

If her proud sons, her highborn souls—
Men in whose veins—*Oh last disgrace!*
The blood of Zal and Rustam Rolls—etc.

But Dickon is nothing if not complimentary; by the excision of the italicised words he achieves at one stroke the double murder of measure and meaning, and converts a reproach into a compliment. Bravo! likewise Hooray!! also anything else in the laudatory exclamatory style that comes to hand.

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Elder Ebenezer Straitlace hears that a capital Whitechapel cart is to be sold to the highest bidder. He arrives at the sale just as the cart, having been sold, is being driven out by its new owner who blesses him as above. (*Delight of Ebenezer*).

WHERE IS IT?

A home paper, writing of Chinese affairs, says:—"The power possessed by all high officials to memorialize the throne, necessarily places their subordinates very much at their mercy; and it is impossible not to sympathize with unfortunate magistrates and others who are held up as monsters of iniquity by the superior officers, who are probably little better themselves." Now it is a very singular thing that we seem to have heard or read somewhere of a country which strangely resembles China in the above respect, as also in the circumstance that many of its officials are obtained by a process of competitive examination, but for the life of us we can't remember its name. We *think* it begins with I, but—Well, can any of our readers help us?

Wanted Dimensions.

Charivari notices in one of his contemporaries, under the heading "Hints on Etiquette," the following:—

"When a gentleman and lady are walking in the street, the lady should walk inside of the gentleman."

The relative dimensions of the softer and sterner sex must differ widely in our contemporary's neighbourhood to permit of his directions being observed.

SUB-MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

President Charivari in the Chair.

Q.—Which is one of the greatest dangers of the Hooghly?

A.—Bucksheesh—as it stimulates pilots to run risks which otherwise they would leave alone.

Q.—Which is the next greatest danger?

A.—Surveyor's reports on the soundings over bars; and too great a reliance on their accuracy.

Q.—Any more?

A.—Yes; that of young energetic pilots going more by the rule of thumb than by the exercise of their own judgment.

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?

We see that "Young Nimrod" of the *Oriental Sporting Magazine* wants a rhinoceros' skin. What *can* he want it for? Isn't his natural hide thick enough? And wouldn't you think that a lion's skin, considering the old fable, would be a more likely want on his part?

Information for Griffs.—The initials G. G. by which you sometimes hear His Excellency the present Viceroy designated, mean Gaseous Gusher. This, you see, is not only alliteration, but, as a predecessor of His Excellency's in the poetic line remarked, "apt alliteration."

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THREE OF THEM.

ONE of the attractions of London just now appears to be PONGO, the Gorilla at the aquarium; though we poor Anglo-Indians are not privileged to behold this interesting creature, we have some consolation in being informed of the satisfaction which our betters derive from his society. Thus, our esteemed instructor REIS EFFENDI of the *Englishman* informs us that he "enjoyed a private interview with him." This we can quite believe, for it is perfectly natural that the Effendi, in the intervals of picking up bits of scandal and smut to retail to us, his admirers, should prize so good an opportunity of communion with a kindred mind.

Another writer of similar calibre, too, being indeed no other than the illustrious ATLAS of the *World*, kindly lets us know his impressions of his captive brother, and incidentally lets a little light fall on his own career. "We have all," he says, "seen what idiots women can make of themselves over dogs; but I was not aware that their affections were elastic enough to include the Gorilla." This is with reference to a lady's having petted the brute. It would appear, then, that ATLAS has never been successful in love—at least since the days of his puppyhood. He further remarks "the creature, too, evidently makes desperate efforts to talk, and if he could succeed there no doubt he would be quite as well worth listening to as many of my acquaintance." No doubt, and if he got on a little further and learned to write—acquired, in fact, that "little learning" which in ATLAS' own case is so dangerous a thing—no doubt his productions would be quite as well worth reading as those of that snob-scribbler himself are.

"A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT."

THAT estimable Magistrate Moulvie Abdul Lateef, Khan Bahadur, has lately given judgment in a case brought before him which *Charivari* looks upon as an excellent commentary on the statement continually made by the pro native papers that native gentlemen are exceptionally fitted from their knowledge of native character to judge the merits of doubtful cases. A lady charged an ayah before the judgment seat of this great legal luminary with stealing a skirt belonging to her. The facts we give according to the *Englishman's* reporter, who says:—

"It appears that the ayah had been employed by the lady yesterday, and was seen five hours after walking out of the house with a bundle under her arm. She was stopped by the *malee*, and *her bundle was examined, and one of her mistress's skirts found amongst several articles of her own clothing.*

"The defendant pleaded ignorance of her possession of the skirt, and His Worship *allowed her the benefit of the doubt* and dismissed the case."

Now this, *Charivari* considers, is evidently a case in point, in which the knowledge of native character, possessed by a native, must have guided the decision. To an European mind the fact of the Ayah's tying up a lady's dress skirt amongst her own clothes, and walking away with the bundle, would have seemed conclusive of guilt, in spite of her protestations to the contrary, but the Moulvie knows better, and dismisses the case.

It is really dreadful to contemplate the amount of injustice which poor innocent natives must be suffering by being convicted on such evidence as the above when brought before European Magistrates, who can never hope for an insight like the Moulvie's. They must, in common honesty, stand aside, retire, and make room for more Native Magistrates of the Moulvie's stamp. We had almost said let *all* go, but of the gentle Marsden an exception might, we think, be made, as the one alone worthy to sit beside this second Daniel.

AN OMINOUS NAME.

THAT of the Russian Camp newspaper started at Head Quarters—"The *Flying* War Sheet."

THE CIVILIAN OBADIAHS.

SAID the young Obadiah to the old Obadiah:
"You're a judge, Obadiah, you're a judge,
And judges old as you are for pension overdue,
You should budge, Obadiah, you should budge.
The measure of your years is full, your labours now should cease,
So hie you to an English home, there end your days in peace,
And take the blessings with you of the friends you'll leave behind,
Said the old Obadiah
"you are kind."

Said the young Obadiah to the old Obadiah:
"You are stout, apoplectically stout;
And before the rains last year you were very very near
Going out, Obadiah, going out.
With that warning to remember, with a phiz of tell-tale hue,
After many a shock of fever and of liver not a few,
Yet, yet another summer will you dare your fate defy?"
Growled the old Obadiah,
"I will try."

Said the young Obadiah to the old Obadiah:
"I'm a Joint, Obadiah, still a Joint,
And 'twill dam promotions flow if you seniors pipe to go
Disappoint, Obadiah, disappoint.
From happier times your service dates, before the blank to-day
Of elderly Assistants and Joints whose heads are grey,
So I'm thinking Obadiah you have laid some money by,
Swore the old Obadiah
"Not a pie."

Said the young Obadiah to old Obadiah:
"I've a son, Obadiah, I've a son,"
Said the old Obadiah to the young Obadiah,
"D'ye think, Obadiah, I have none?"
I have three; they're gay young loafers, who dance and shoot and ride,
And beyond such pleasant pastimes take thought of nought beside,
All three without a calling, and what's more will none in view,"
Said the young Obadiah
"Rough on you."

Said the young Obadiah to the old Obadiah:
"I've a wife, Obadiah, I've a wife;"
Said the old Obadiah to the young Obadiah
"So have I, Obadiah, bless your life.
'Twould move your ruth, my gentle youth if you only saw the bills
Of my Mrs. Obadiah and her daughters in the hills,
Five daughters Obadiah and no husbands to be had."
Said the young Obadiah
"That is sad;"

Said the old Obadiah to the young Obadiah
"'Twould be well, Obadiah, don't you think,
Lest our throttles get too dry with question and reply,
If we moistened the discussion with a drink!
With zest young Obadiah caught the senior's notion up,
Fetched a giant tankard straightway, fille! it high with simkin cup,
Added herbs of fine aroma, crowned the whole with crystal ice,
Smiled the old Obadiah
"'Twill be nice."

Then the old Obadiah and the young Obadiah
Sat them down, chair by chair, tête à tête;
But curious to say all remembrance passed away
Of the interesting topic of debate.
Soon the young Obadiah, with his glass raised high,
Was carolling the ditties of his infancy;
While the old Obadiah wore a look of wild delight
And chortled "Obadiah
you are tight."

Still sat the heroes two, still happier they grew,
As they drained the giant tankard o'er and o'er;
Till at last—O sad to tell—old Obadiah fell
In a leaden, leaden slumber on the floor.
Then crowed the wily Junior "Not in vain I primed it strong,
My venerable friend, I think, won't stop promotion long,
At least not if as often as he wants to liquor up
He lets young Obadiah
mix the cup!"

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TURNING THE TABLES ON HIM.

Young Hopeful (to paterfamilias, who has been lecturing him on his "goings on.")—It's all very well to talk Governor, when I drink it's out amongst my friends, and everybody knows it. When I get older I shall do as you do; keep quiet and paint my nose at home.

KUNSTABL Y ON A SENSIBLE SPEECH.

'Twas Mister Hashley Heden vich sat in igh Durbar,
Hin the Belvederean manshing, ware our Hel gees koortered har;
Hand round in thare vos gatherd lokle svells hof sekund rate,
Vich to be hup in Simla hit vos not thare appy fate.
Likevise a mob of Natives, sed to be *diss tang gay*,
Vith lotts hof gordy tinsle gott hup in the yoozyal way,
For hon this grand ukasion, thease much bedizened blax
Vos, like their frends at Delhi, to be pattid hon their bax,
Hand, as the mighty Gusher isself the jobb coold not
Pufform, by Hashley Heden the dooin hof it gott.
The hordinary foolary I nead not to dexcribe,
You nose vot hall Durbars is like, you nose the Baboo tribe.
Butt hafter hall vos hover—leastways so the Baboos thort,
Sez Hashley, vinkin to the Svells "Hi'll let yer see some sport"—
"Ahem, my gay black toolips, afore you *rooksut* getts,
Hi've gott a vord or too to say to some on yer, my petts.
Yore "loylty" *may* be doosed fine—my predisesser Dick
E gammond for to swaller it, but Hashley finds it stick.
You *may* be hawfly loyal—ho yes, in corse you har,
But ow about yer dirty Fress? Get hover that, now, Yah!
Sich lyin, slandrin, hojus raggs hi never did set heyes on,
Has yore hinfunnel papers, stinkin garbij, filthy pison!
Allers spittin hout sedishn hand misrepresentin fax,
Hand defamin decent people with thare willanous attax,
Hof hall the warmint scriblers as about kreeashn crawls
There ain't no lot as can cumpair with scriblin Young Bengals
You hupstart brutes! Vy, vot the doose? Cal *Yore*selves men o'letters,
As gets yer livin wile by flingin mudd upon yer betters?
Yer, *hi*'m a lookin hat, yer, Kristo Doss, yore praps the wust
You starts the owls, and then the rest jines hin and owls full bust.
You yelpin yowlin cur-dawgs—Y's koite rite (hof im I speek
Vith hall respect) in sayin hi shoold flogg yer oucet a weak.
To make my speech look milder ven it's printed by and bye
Hi'll say yoove got no hinfloonce, but *you* no that's hall my heye,
Voold yer go hou spittin wennum hat yer musters day by day,
Hand veck by veck, hand year by year, *if yer didn't find it pay*?
Voold Baboos hon yer rubbidge fowl hexpend thare orded pice
Has much has they hexpend em how, if they didn't find it nice?
Gett hout! Vun must talk umbug ven a servin Hempress-Queens,
But, you *soors*, votever I sey, you preshus vell nose vot I meaus.
Now let this be a varnin—taik care you don't give cause
To me and the Gusher hup above to muzzle yer yelpin jaws."
This seemed to have a great effect upon them blacks, pore creeturs,
Hand a werry angdog look appeared upon thare ansum feeturs;
Hand vile them svells hof sekund rate rewived thare selves vith peggs,
Them scriblin Baboos sneaked houtside thare tales betwixt thare leggs.
So I sey brayvo, Hashley, that's the sorter talk for sich
Hif they don't no thareselves from thare masters, ve must teachem vitch is vitch.
Hif yoo'll teech hinslent Baboos thare places for to no
Yoo'll do a better thing than you did ven you busted hindigo.

CONUNDRUM.

Q.—Why is the Poona Fine Arts Exhibition like a mirror?
A—Because its Deccan—e (dekhne) ka waste.

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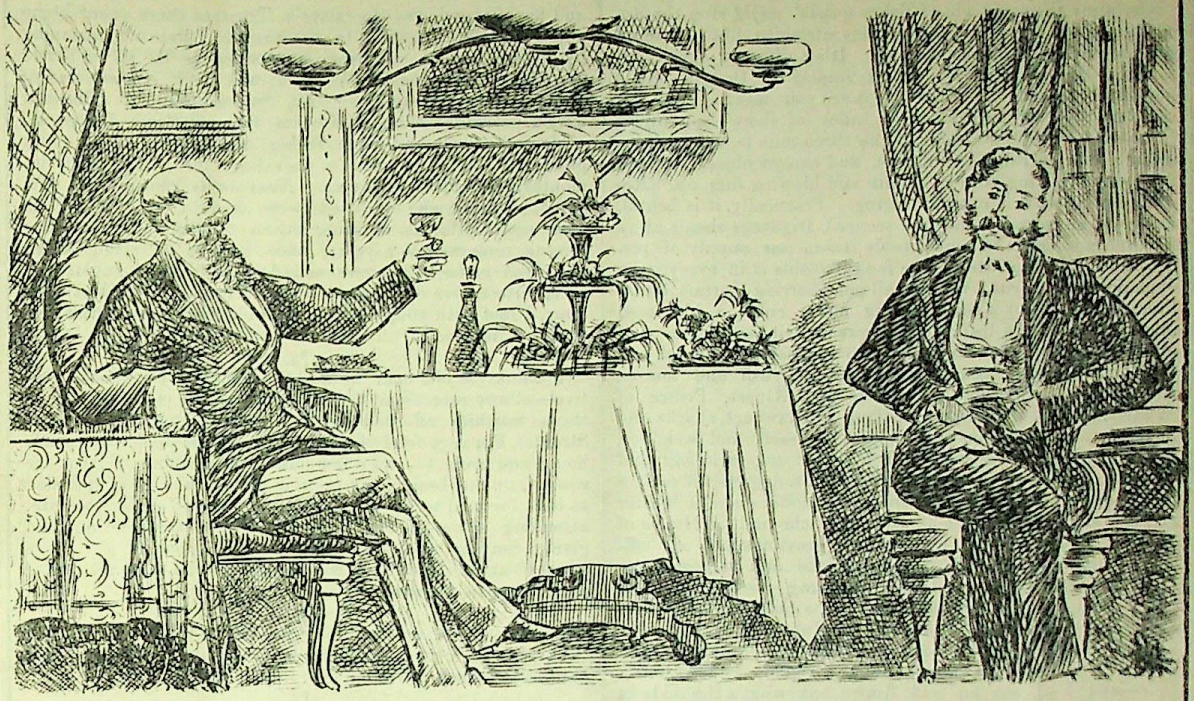
Afghanistan.—"HOW HAPPY COULD I BE WITH EITHER, WERE T'OTHER DEAR CHARMER AWAY."

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"IN VINO VERITAS."

Young Jones, C S. (*they had dined together to his Commissioner*).—"Do you believe in Indian Statistics, Sir?"
Old Smith (*screwing up an eye to look through a glass of claret*).—"No, Jones—made too many of 'em myself!"

OUR LONDON LETTER.

Our London Correspondent's Letter.

Dear Charivari,

Gladstone's been comforting us by the assurance that even if the Suez Canal—Ditch—or Cut should be occupied by a Foreign Power we are able and capable of using the Cape *route* at a mere loss of about a fortnight. Such reasoning is, however, two week for most men. At the same time he does not mention the "Zugon Shirt" which guarantees a fit—epi—or cata—leptic the advertiser mentioneth not. This omission in a man accustomed all his life to mind every one's business besides his own is strange. Perhaps he's shirty and made a shift to do without one. I understand that he's given over paper collars and taken to Protocols.

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The Peruvians are going in for retribution *in re* Huascar of the rusty ironclad on the ocean that's any thing but Pacific. The old man suggests a noble and surprising revenge; Redeem their bonds in ready money. As the poet says a "Bond long deferred maketh the heart sick." They and the rest of the South American Republics (so called) are naught but a company of pirates, of which we have co-robber-hated evidence.

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Biggar, Parnell, O'Donnell and the rest of the Irish Obstructive Home Rulers are at length caught in a net of Sir Stafford Northcote's weaving, in struggling to get out of which they may make a mesh of. I should very much like to see the new Black Rod summoned in to quiet them. Meanwhile it's not gratifying to find after all we've done for Ireland of late years—repaid by murder, treason, rapine, &c.—that THE GREAT OIREESH NATION BEEG. YORRA! generally approve of and stand up for these representatives. Neither will the matter be greatly mended if Mr. Boucicault, Prince of Charlatans, gets elected for Clare (not Clare Market), which county he has put up for. Here appears the *arrière pensée* of his Shaughraun correspondence with Disraeli. That ardent Fenian, who gives a share of his receipts everywhere for the benefit of his brother traitors, loses few covert opportunities of insulting the English—it would not pay him as a dramatic *entrepreneur* to do it too openly; though Edmund Falconer did in a production y'clept Oonah. In one of his plays, for instance, the English troops enter to an Irish melody equivalent to our Rogues' march: this is generally only noticed by his compatriots, who are in ecstasies at the caustic humour of the proceeding. I remember what fun there was when another manager, E. T. Smith, put for M. P. *Inter alia* they said that those two letters already ended the word describing his public character. Arrah! it's Clare they mane mischief anyhow.*

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* The "Era" thinks that D. B. will be a successful rival to his prototypical dramatic M. P. Brinsley Sheridan—"I grant you it hath not appeared" in his writings.

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Certainly the spectacle of fishes *a-dyin' might* stop the use of *dynamite*. If persevered in this anything but *nice death* will terminate the fish's *dynasty*. It's a difficult subject to tackle. The rule at present is similar to that of public houses at present. If while out at sea you meet a fish you ask him if he slept within three miles of shore last night. If he says "No," he is out of the three mile boundary comprising our jurisdiction marine, and cannot object to your forthwith applying your dynamite and blowing him up. Regarded as sport it is not interesting. Practically, it is brutal, destroys more fish than are secured, frightens shoals away for ever, and tends to considerably lessen our supply of piscatorial food. An internecine food like this is in every way objectionable. True, we are all poor herring mortals, and a literary man is but a read herring and a ruler, a bloatered oligarch and Home Rulers, *finny'uns* and rinkers, skates and old maids, carp and fools, flat fish and cabmen, fly fish and tragedians, starfish and confectioners, jellyfish and misers, shellfish and aldermen, porpoises and Albert, Prince of Whales, and a good locksmith, Chub and lawyers, sharks and poor relations, barnacles and athletes, mussels and welchers, eels and soldiers, swordfish and a fair hand, *whitebait* and Barnum, a cod and bellringer's peal, and a dog-biscuit man, a Spratt and a cricketer, a ticklebat, and a militiaman, a lobster and low singers, bass and an invalid, a hake and the House of Lords, "another plaice," and old men, graylings and all officials, mullet and billiard champions, dabs and vergers, pewling and sugar dealers, sand eels and young wives, pout and pretty Indian girls, Bombay ducks and a Gas Works' *stench*, and shipowner's scuttlefish and each John, a Jack and toll-keeper's pikes and Director's stockfish and a baby's coral and the owl was a baker's daughter—No, I don't mean that—and I—I am an odd fish* ; but what's the odds as long as you're happy,† so I'll proceed the *even* tenor of my ichthyological way. At any rate we shall hear St. Maur about it from Somerset, Duke. Once parliament "puts up its dukes,"‡ beware! especially of turning Somersets.

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"A was an archer that shot at a frog." *(Anon)*.

One sovereign is sent as a (sur) prize in books for the best lady archer at Exeter. Every lady is naturally so arch one cannot imagine an archer, though I doubt if any can draw the long bow. I have seen them draw a cross beau often. Of course when the fortunate lady's brought to book—Exit Her. So much for toxicologists§ If one or her *darter* were to have a *shot* at you, the *Target* would have *an arrow* escape.‖ Turkish ladies, I may remark *en passant*, are such provident archists that they often have two strings to their bow; but when their bow "bears away the belle" he is often beau-stringed. When the inhabitants of Stamboul hear their shrieks they regret having been "born within the sound of Beau-Belles."

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I'm much hurt at your telling me you have received my portrait to hang in the *Charivari* Office, and that some good judges say that I'm much too handsome for a man, I ought to have been a pig. Also that you would have preferred hanging the original in your office. That be hanged! also your ingratitude. "How sharper than a Mappin's razor 'tis to have such childish thanks!" Pope (not the present one.)

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Some people *can* take a hint. Lord de Clifford's one. He's taken Hints consisting of 1,576 acres for £136,000. It's a beautiful estate: 300 years in one family.

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Provincial Free Libraries and Musea want the British Museum to disgorge some of its collection for their use, and have interviewed the latter's Trustees there anent being appropriately introduced to the august (first of) assembly by a Chamberlain. Provincials consider *the* B. M. as better known than trustee'd. When I was in it, it was a den of mismanagerial corruption.* Ah, Sir, many a hot afternoon have I peacefully slumbered in its Reading Room Polygonal, or drowsily scratched some feeble platitudes, on the best paper of the Government's providing, for some penny bi-monthly. *Tempora mutantur. Nous avons change tout cela*, and I, even me, who expected to be kept in one of the glass cases upstairs for an admiring nation to gaze at (three days a week, nine months a year), once became so straightened as—*Proh pudor! Miserere mihi!*—even to contemplate as a last alternative doing some work. Happily, † in that dark hour, I met with you, Sir, and the old man knows that his future is assured.

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I think the old man would have made a very good detective—at any rate from the glimpse of the mode of life of these worthies afforded by the present enquiries at Bow Street. I'm very fond of champagne (other people's), a nice house and ground, and a few hundreds occasionally from the general public, besides my regular pay, with a good pension to look forward to. Under such emoluments I could tolerate, attending some of the most fashionable race meetings and giving betting men "straight tips" occasionally of "who's wanted" at Scotland Yard, which seem to be the only duties of the post in question.

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Foreign pests are invading us. First the mosquito, now the Colorado beetle: the latter is on view at a popular Music Hall, alive, and well-billed everywhere.

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I rejoice to say that "Miss E Farren" according to the bills, and Nelly Farren, according to us, affectionate Londoners, has re-appeared after her severe bout, about which I told you before.

It is gratifying to find that the brother of the President of the Royal Dramatic College is an inmate thereof. This is as it should (n't) be.

It's fearful to think how the Free List is abused in London. I read that the French ambassador and several distinguished foreigners who visited the "*Gaiety*" last Thursday, went in with orders?‡

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Osman Pasha is behaving as manly as usual. He is to-day reported to have broken a wing, but whether of the enemy's army or his own, so that he can't fly again, remains to be seen. Twenty-four thousand horses engaged in the combat, I see by a French paper:—"Vingt-quatre milles hors de combat."§ IF this be true (print a very large IF please) we can no longer say of Turkish military superiority that "It hath not a Pera'd." Eyoub has also met the Cossack with an Ahmed force; and if the Turks crow in Asia 'tis otherwise in Croatia—Austria takes cares there's not much for the Croat to crow at. Midhat Pasha's been recalled to the Theatre of War. I hope he'll fare better than when I was recalled after a heart-breaking performance at the Electic Theatre in Denmark Street, when I was a member of the Paddington Thespians. One of my optics is permanently injured.

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Messrs Biggar, O'Donnell, Parnell & Co., notwithstanding the new Bill passed to meet the case of the obstructionists, managed to keep another Bill twenty hours in passing, the

* We've always found you, a sponge.—Ed.
† Ten to one that you don't remain so.—Ed.
‡ We believe this is a low expression for fists.—Ed.
§ Toxopholites imbecile.—Ed.
‖ Don't understand.—Ed.

* That we can readily believe; but always understood; it improved greatly subsequently.—Ed.
† "Accursed hour!" "O treble woe?—" but No.—Ed.
‡ In their buttonholes.—Ed.
§ O-L-L's translations from the French smack somewhat of "ye schoole of Stratforde-atte-le-Bowe."—Ed.

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Government having to work on the same track and send relays, like post horses or reporters, to weary them out. It is strange that no summary proceedings can be taken with these quasi-gentlemen. They *should* come under the ken of the Inspector of Nuisances or the Dust Contractor.

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The *Standard* War Correspondent says that the cruelties practised by the Turks on wounded Russian soldiers were only rivalled by those at Coomassie, while the Russians say that the victorious Turks firing their villages is a burning shame, and object to Osman's massacre *en masse* as too Coomassie. At the same time that the Russians made an attack in three columns on the Turks at Loftcha the *Daily Telegraph* made an attack upon them in one column in London. They suffered much more from the latter than the former as they were able to defend themselves from the former leader far more successfully than against the latter leader. IF the ten divisions of Russians who attacked the lines and *redoubts* at Plevna lost 8,000 men, they must have found the foe *redoubtable*, and have regretted their false step as a *foe pas—ne* FAUT PAS *rire, papa.*

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A new phase of strikes has appeared in America. There they strike literally. A reduction of wages entailed wholesale destruction of rolling stock, scenes in which each actor considered this as a part of his *rôle*, stoppage of traffic, beating of passengers, firing of stations and other little tokens of annoyance. Some pointsmen, now disappointsmen, who had been docked are re-docked as prisoners. Several murders are included in the amenities, and the devastation committed is such as to make the Directors wish they'd never reduced the wages. One line only seems to have abstained, and while the ringleaders of the others are passing the next few years in the calm seclusion of a gaol, *they* are sharing £20,000 presented them by their employer, Vanderbilt, for their abstention.

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Dr. Baxter Langley is 'up' for defrauding the Artizan's Dwelling Company. The Secretary is also implicated who bears the ominous name of Swindlehurst. *Pendente lite—pauca verba*, as the butcher said when the porker was hanging.

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A new career is to be opened by Earl Derby in connection with the Turkish, Persian and Egyptian Consular Service, which will be a fortunate one for young University men—that of Dragomen, even some of the Guards might find it as profitable as that of Dragsmen.

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St. Swithin's Day, the 15th, was wet, and, according to the proverb we're having "more or less rain every day for 40 days;" but as far as that goes we have rain, more or less, 365 days in each of three years out of four.

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It's very odd that veterans don't know when they'd had enough of it; but often they don't, and cling to the loaves and fishes—like *octopi*—as long as they've a cling. Cadogan has accordingly written out a Bill—having an ink-cling of the matter, rendering retirement after a century or so of service absolutely compulsory. In future, neither septua—octo—or nonogenarians, neither cente—nor tercente—narians will be allowed to participate in active service in Bath chairs: and limbless, blind mute-surds will be asked, politely to retire on their pensions.

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Lord Henry Lennox will probably succeed Ward Hunt. This is *not* funny. Parliament adjourns on the 15th of August instead of the 12th. Members are desperate, and the grouse are rejoicing at their three days' respite. The former, instead of merrily plodding the Scotch moors, will be listening to Messrs. Parnell & Co., whom they would doubtless feel more delight in shooting were they not beneath sportsmen as vermin. Bye-the-bye *on dit* that the above gentleman (?) is a hog-jobber. One would think that all his swine had run down a steep place after giving their master up possession of all their devils. Certainly, a bigger pigger Biggar—

The following is particulary unfunny:—

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To this may be added the general working expenses of the law courts, and the proportions of judges' and all of other officials' salaries. £60,000 odd—and very odd—my beloved brethren, for a Government prosecution in a private family estate, claim, and conviction of a man whom three people out of four still think the real Sir Roger! and forty brothers and sisters died of starvation in London last year!

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Another accusation of charity fraud. Dr. Bernards is several Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries, Auditors, Managers, &c., &c., &c., of many charities, the working of which alone costs £15,000 a year. Charrington—one of the brewing firm—who has turned preacher and teetotaller—has impugned the worthy doctor's honesty. Arbitrators are now examining Dr. B.'s accounts: the fees paid to them—the arbitrators—*as yet* amount to no more than four or five thousand pounds; but it is feared that, if carried on to a conclusion, the process may eventually become expensive. I don't so much wonder at C. turning teetotaller: I think I should—if I were confined to drinking his firm's malt decoctions—unless the firm *alter* them considerably.

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Talking about Malta, just as the *Crocodile* troopship was leaving Portsmouth for Malta, a solicitor waited on Private Burke and told him he'd come in to £70,000; but as there was no time to redeem him, he sailed with the rest of the troops for the Mediterranean.

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Although the whole of the service is unforbidden at St. James's, Hatcham (the Revd. A. Tooth's incumbency), a portion of it was last Sunday. That portion was the publishing of certain marriage banns by a young man, a near relative of the proposed bride. Oh! would that dear but forbidding young man had been present at my bann-publishing had I ever published any. As it is, that young man ought to be in great request, and there is no doubt that common gratitude will induce the woulded-be-bridegroom in after years to see that his till then unknown benefactor wants for nothing.

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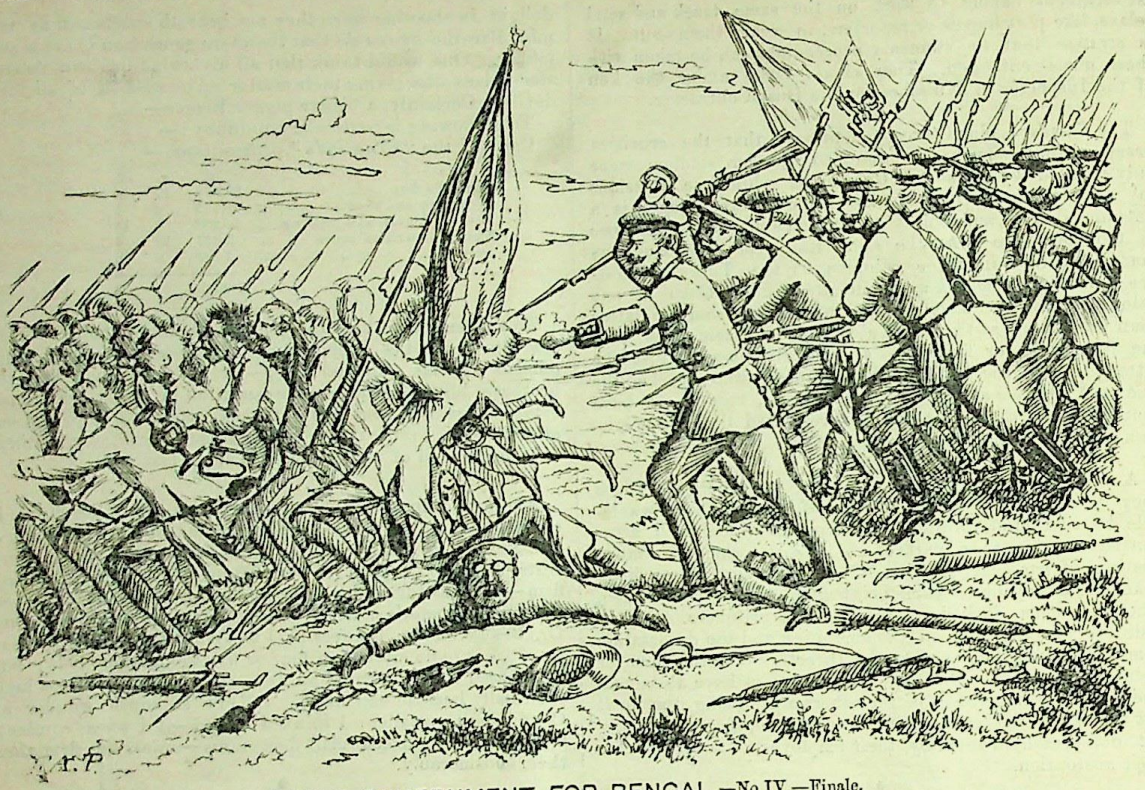
3,035 quarters of beef and 150 carcases of mutton from America last week and 290 head live stock, besides 247 live oxen and 675 live sheep *en route*. No death as yet amongst live stock. As *for beef* we should have thoughts of this *before*. I wonder if the poor soldiers by Circassia get any carcases from the Carcasus. Let's hope the mutton's sheep and not nasty.

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The initial scheme for hospitals for the well-to-do I am happy to commend to the thoughtful, and trust they will never have occasion to enjoy its hospital-ity. It's not pleasant for poor gentlemen and ladies to be mixed up with paupers in hospitals and receive the often careless and brutal treatment of nurses and surgeons. It's also an unfair burden on the rates and taxes. On the other hand, such

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SELF GOVERNMENT FOR BENGAL.—No IV.—Finale.

As may be seen, the Successes of Bengal Army are not quite decisive.

patients have seldom sufficient room or appliances at home for successful treatment.

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Apropos to the *fall* of the drama, there is a rise in the drachma, the Greeks having raised forty millions thereof. The loan, needless to state, is a foreign one, so now for two séunnights *au revoir*,

From,

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Your London Lunatic.

Advance Australia.

Recent Australian papers proclaim the advent of a juvenile musical phenomenon at Melbourne. He and his performance is thus described :—

Another "wonder-child" is now performing at the great concert-room of that place, and attracting crowds to listen to his playing. His name is Ernest Hutchinson; his age is five years and a half. He is compelled to kneel on a high chair in order to reach the keyboard of the piano. He played "Il mio tesoro" in such rapturous style as to call forth a triple encore. His compositions are equally delightful, and his musical ear so correct that he can recognize any note when struck upon the instrument, although standing at a distance and with his back towards it.

The Australian press has, *Charivari* observes, dubbed the wondrous little fellow "A Second Mozart." The title seems appropriate enough, and in any case (according to our "sub," who is incorrigible) it is only right that such genius should have a Mozarty (most hearty ?) welcome.

NATURAL MISTAKE.

Colonel Blunderhead, of 212th Royal Stumblers, has been made the victim of a cruel misconception. The dear Colonel has been suffering from liver, dyspepsia, etc., lately, and in consequence of medical advice has been seen lately at every store in the station, and has written to several eminent firms in the liquor trade stating that he wished to be provided with a new brand recommended by his medical man, *viz.*, Gim Connor's Port. The store-keepers and the eminent firms in question have been unanimous in disclaiming all knowledge of the brand in question, and the complaints of the gallant officer about his ill-luck in not being able to get the wine prescribed were becoming most pathetic, when it struck some one to enquire of the doctor what wine that was he had prescribed for old Blunderhead that seemed so difficult to get. The doctor's facial expression was a study when the question was put to him; at length he gasped out testily: Wine, Sir, nothing of the sort—Gets quite enough without my ordering more,—nothing the matter with him, but want of exercise, so I advised him to go in for *Gymkhana Sports* in moderation. We hope the station wits will not roast the dear Colonel too severely, for after all the mistake was a very natural one.

ZOOLOGY—THE DOMESTIC FOWL.

What the professor said in his lecture.—"*Gallus domesticus* is polygamous."

What the student wrote in his note book.—(*by mistake.*) "The Gallows domestic cuss is polygamous."

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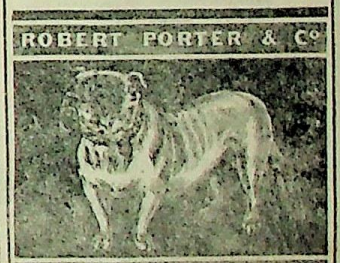
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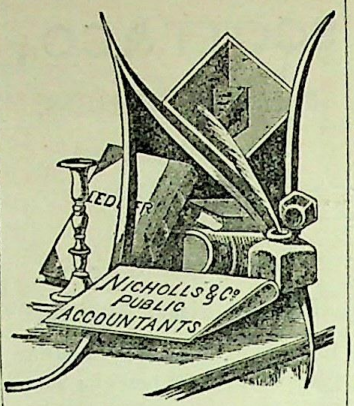
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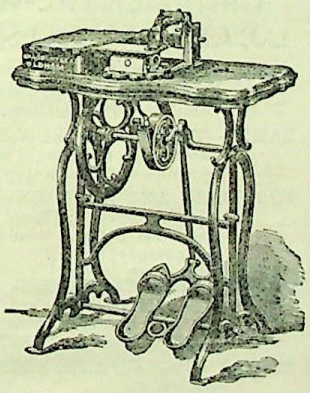
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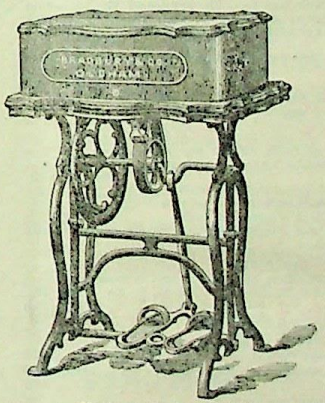
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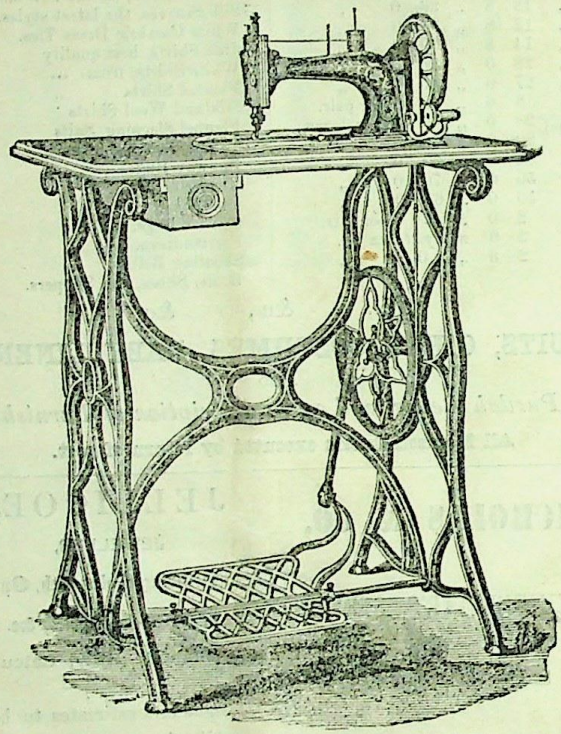
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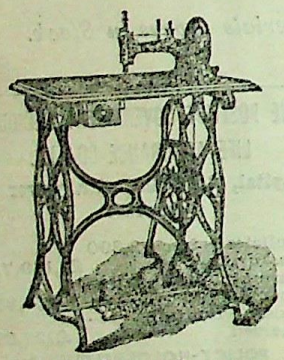
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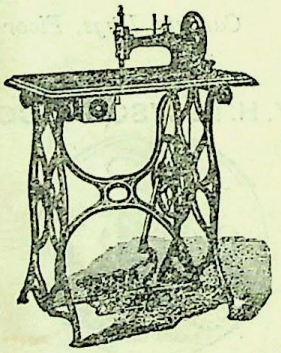
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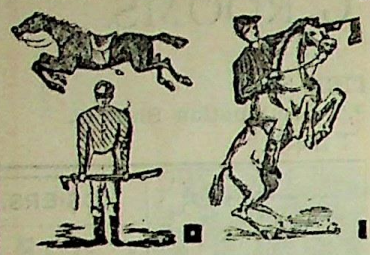
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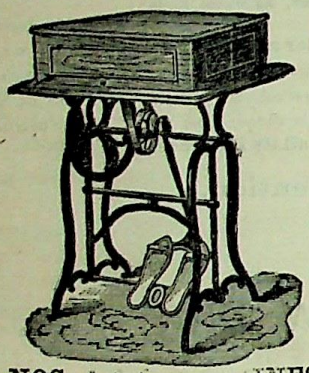
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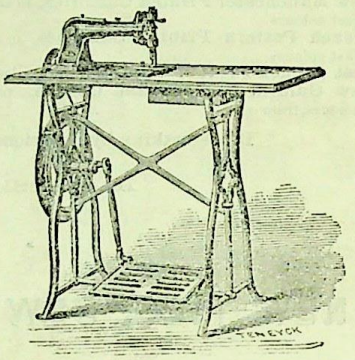
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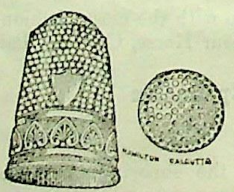
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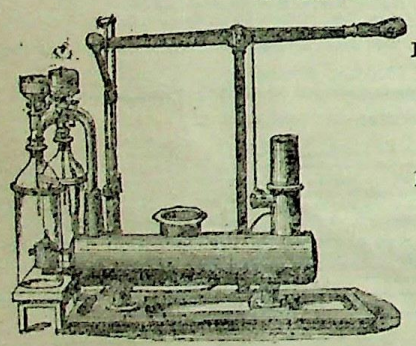
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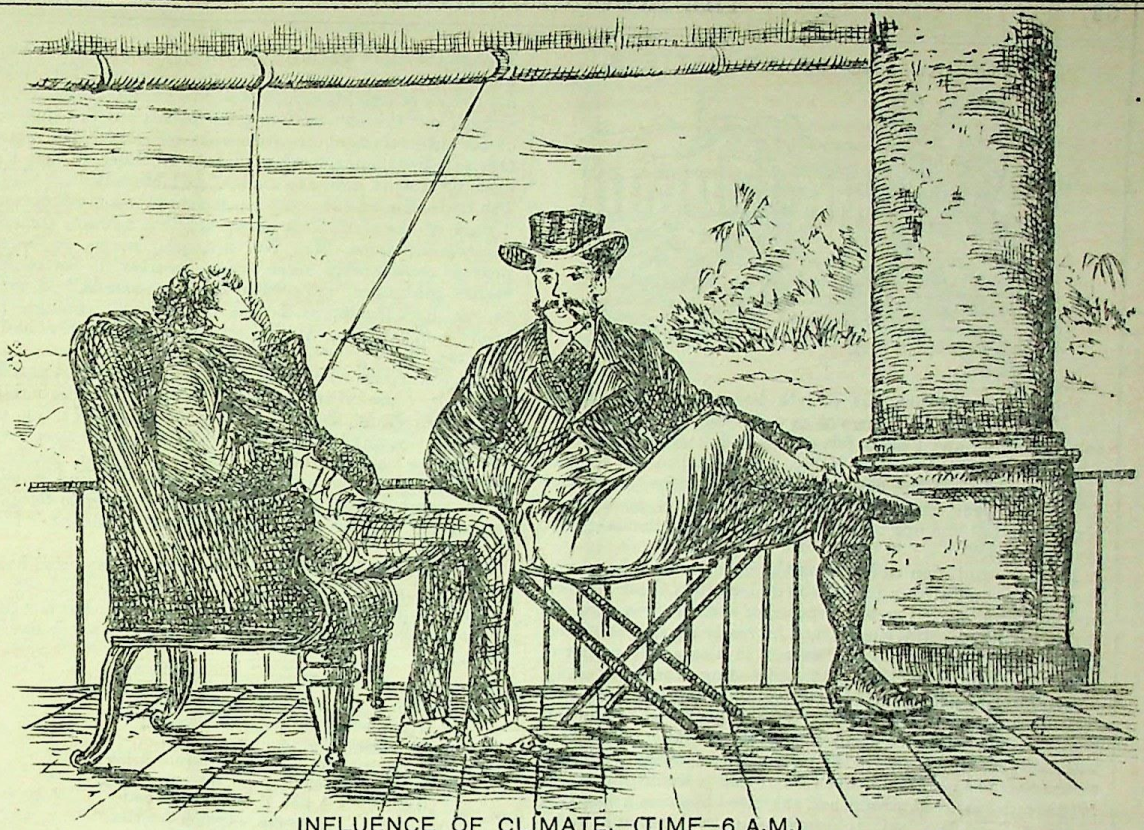
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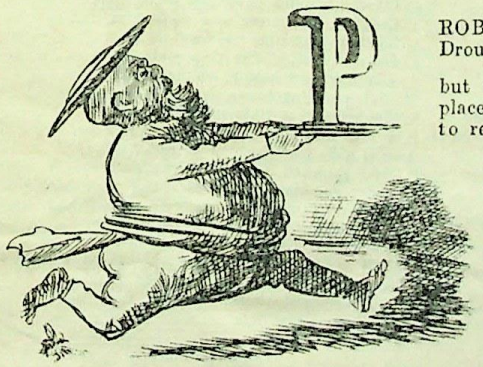
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INFLUENCE OF CLIMATE.—(TIME—6 A.M.)

NEW ARRIVAL (*lively and energetic*).—"WELL, DOBSON, WHERE SHALL WE GO TO-DAY, EH? WHAT WOULD YOU PROPOSE NOW, FROM YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COUNTRY, AS THE BEST PLACE?"

OLD RESIDENT (*drowsily*).—"HEIHHO! (*Yawns*) UPON MY WORD YOU KNOW, IF YOU TRUST TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, I SHOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU TO GO TO———HEIGH-HO-HUM! (*Yawns fearfully*)—TO SLEEP." *Sinks back exhausted, and is presently heard to snore).*



NATURAL REFLECTION.

PROBABLY on reading the telegraphic Obituary notice of General Drought it must have occurred to many—not that

"He should have died hereafter,"

but that had his demise occurred at an earlier date, and had taken place in the Madras Presidency, there would have been less reason to regret it.

Entomological.

Immense preparations still on foot for the due reception of the Collarhard—oh! beetle. Even his *ova* will meet with an *ovation*: he's on his way, 'as sure as eggs is eggs' (which ceases to be a certainty at over 24 a shilling), but we trust to nip him in the bud before his *ova*. He is said to be much worse than any of our English species,—the Bumble or Parish Beetle,—and has not the same red belly and small black legs, mottled head, &c., and as for *feelers*—which are so prominent in our species—he *antennæ*.

BRITISH INTERESTS.

GLADSTONE (*in his famous speech on the resolutions*).—Now, what are British interests!

MANCHESTER PARTY.—British interests; why, of course, strict neutrality of the Suez Canal, and the abolition of cotton import duties in India.

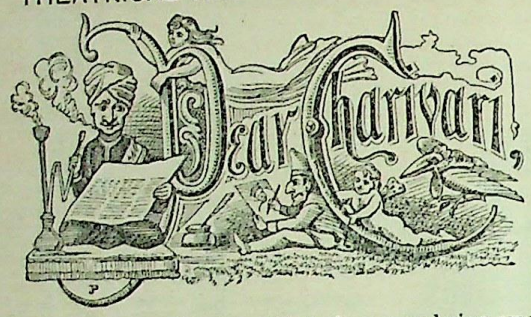
SYNONYM FOR NOTHING:—The news under the heading "Local" in *The Pioneer*.

MOTTO FOR THE BOMBAY TOWN COUNCIL AND CORPORATION DECLARED TO BE TEMPORARILY DEFUNCT.—Resurgam.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



Your representative has of late been wandering among the Police Courts. No, Sir, not as defendant to any case, but as a spectator; and I have felt edified and instructed by what I have observed. You have lately, I am proud to think, advocated the claims of the native magistracy to take precedence of the European, and ever anxious to assist in a good work Sir, I will tell you one or two things that have come under my own notice.

The immortal Moulvie* was on the bench when I entered the Court along with a friend who understands these matters, and he (the Moulvie I mean) disposed of several cases, while we looked on in respectful silence, and he really seemed to understand almost all he was doing, except in the small matter of granting a native Scholar, just proceeding home to study, a certificate of age, about the method of doing which he confessed himself at a loss, but even that he promised to find out, and, I believe, actually managed the matter later on, so that was all right. But it was in the case of one Lindsay, variously stated to be a boarding house runner and a seaman, that our Magistrate came out strong, and exhibited likewise a fine vein of irony. Lindsay had, it seems, been drinking, and, under the influence of his potations, been somewhat obstreperous. In admonishing the culprit his worship said to him: "You are a European Seaman, and will lose your reputation if you get drunk." Was not the Moulvie laughing in his sleeve when he delivered this little bit of bunkum. Sailors are, no doubt, very fine fellows, Sir, but I don't think keeping sober is their forte, or that they lose much of what reputation they may have when they get

"A wee drap i' the ee."

I see your contemporary of Chowringhee has been putting on the gloves with the *Indo-European Correspondence*, thereby, I should imagine, informing the bulk of the world, for the first time, of that paper's existence. It is apparently a lively organ, and Augustine Malthaup, S.J., who seems to have the run of its columns, a lively organ grinder, indeed so lively, Sir, that I am inclined to endorse the opinion of your "sub" that the S. J. stands for straight-jacketed as indicating his normal condition when under control; but this, of course, is mere surmise, Sir.†

Writing from Simla one of the correspondents of the *Pioneer* reports that the Amateur Dramatic Society there has issued no new programme lately, and seems rather astonished, though why I fail to see, Sir. The absence of the Manager on famine duty in Madras is surely a sufficient reason for this.

I have been seeing Dave, Sir, who has again appeared at the Royal, and with a Company which deserves all praise, and, while containing many of its old members, has one or two new ones, who are decided acquisitions. A house, Sir, such as an established favorite only could command, had assembled to meet and greet him on his opening night. Though the night was more than simply warm, the reception was warmer still. The "inimitable" himself, Sir, altereth not; he openeth his mouth, and the public laugh at what cometh out thereat as freely as of old, but the ingredients of his entertainment are somewhat varied. I like the little Operetta by Offenbach, whose music, I believe, in fact I often back it* for its power to amuse, and Miss Minnie Williams. The little Minnie (of some years agone) is a most acceptable "Maid of the Inn." This young lady has a sweet, though not a powerful, voice. Mr. Norville, who seems to have improved considerably since, as a member of one of Dave's earlier companies, sang "The Trumpet Sounds." I was glad to see back again, as I was Mr. Ferrell, though I certainly don't admire his falsetto as much as the audience appear to do.

The companies who are to open the other houses are, I hear at last, on "the briny," and may be expected next month.

I see the Naini Tal Correspondent of the *Pi*, for mildly chaffing a Concert lately at that Sanatarium, has been savagely attacked by "one who was there." What right, Sir, has any man to adopt such ominous nomenclature, and append it to an ungrammatical and bilious out-pouring to freight the soul of the "harmeless necessary" correspondent. I pause for a reply.

Mr. Boothroyd Fairdough is a tragedian, and will have the honour of appearing shortly, says an advertisement, from reading which I gather that the truly great need mention no address, and yet, Sir, people are disgustingly particular about mine.

Rinkomania.

A gentleman, by name McPherson,
An elderly and sober person,
With youthful ardour filled (not drink)
Went down one day to try and "rink."
He donned a pair of Plimpton's best
And said, "I'll soon outshine the rest."
And so he did; he made a start
When—with a sudden sinuous dart
Up went his heels, and on his back
He slid ten yards off in a crack,
He slid away until the boulders
He scraped up with his back and shoulders
Off the smooth pavement of asphalte
Checked his career and made him halt.
That he outshone the rest is true,
No one a slide like this could do.
Limping, but happy, off he strolled,
And, reaching home, his wife he told
To bring that liniment she knows,
While he took off his tattered clothes.
His wife was shocked at the display,
And shrieked aloud in dire dismay
"For goodness sake! what ails your back?
"Thus seamed with furrow, scratch, and crack"
"Wrinkles," he calmly made reply,
At which she gave another cry;
"Wrinkles!" she said, "what *do* you mean?
"Such wrinkles I have never seen."
His eye with painful humour twinkles.
But *these* my dear are *skating rink*-les.

QUITE PROPER.

The *Madras Mail* seems astonished at an announcement in a Rangoon paper to the effect "the hounds will meet at the Assembly Rooms at 5-30 P. M." This is surely quite as it should be. It is much better *Charivari* opines that the dogs should go to the Assembly Rooms than that the Assembly Rooms should go to the dogs.

IRON MARKET:—Scotch pig glutted.

* We suppose Abdul Lateef is here alluded to by our representative.—ED.

† Of course. As a matter of fact, the letters do ordinarily bear another meaning.—ED.

* Often back? Offenbach? wretched indeed.—ED.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

[BY D. I. S. CONTENT, ESQ.]

MY troubles, arising out of the F.O.B. visit to the "James and Mary," are increasing daily. My professional brethren, the Brokers, justly indignant with their treatment on board—this arises from no fault of mine—have not only given me the cut direct, but are threatening me with actions for damages. There can be no doubt, but that the cake or the spirits contained something which disagreed with us all, and made us ill; but who am I to accuse? At all events everybody is down upon me; and really, what with lawyers' letters, and Small Cause Court summonses, I am just now the most miserable creature in creation. Amongst others, I received the following letter from the firm of Messrs. Sharpes, Cuteonides & Co., the Greek house, with whom I arranged for the freight of "four hundred tons at two-twelve,"—four hundred tons, Heaven knows, of what!—I didn't, until I received the following:—

"Sir,—You had the impertinence to call on us, and under a specious pretence of being a freight-broker, engaged for the shipment of four hundred tons of wheat by the "James and Mary." As you have failed to secure freight for the above, we have been obliged to ship by another vessel, and have thereby incurred loss to the amount of Rs. 1,000, for which we hold you liable. Please forward the amount by return, or we shall at once, without further notice, instruct our Solicitors to sue you for the same.

We are,
Yours faithfully,
SHARPES, CUTEONIDES & Co.

D. I. S. CONTENT, ESQ.

Thank goodness, the Doorga Poojah holidays are not far distant! I intend to give up broking, and shall make myself scarce for a short time, so I rather think Messrs. Sharpes Cuteonides & Co. won't get much out of me. I am, however, very sorry at losing the friendship of Buller and Perizgig, who went up in the basket, and who write to say they were dreadfully ill up there.

As for Master Tom Trot,—Well! never mind! I owe him one!—and if I don't pay him out!—you'll see. At present, I may as well tell you, owing to these infernal law proceedings, I am lying *perdu*. I don't go to the "Jerusalem," nor the Great Eastern now; nor am I seen, as of yore, on the Rialto; but if you want at any time, Mr. Editor, to send me a cheque, why, you know, just say in your next issue "D. I. S. is requested to call at this office," and—

"When the shades of eve prevail"

Yours truly will watch his opportunity and "extend the hand of"—no, I mean, receive the same. One great source of annoyance and inconvenience to me, however, is, that my landlady, Mrs. MacStinger, has become very importunate for her rent, and wont let anything of mine go out of the house, not even the shirts to the Dhobie; but I am putting on two articles of apparel at once, and then leaving one at a friend's. So hope in time to get all my things away gradually. You haven't a vacancy for a punkah-wallah—strong in the arm, and who never goes to sleep—have you? Because I know of one.

By the bye, I have quite *forgotten* to take tickets in the Umballa St. Leger Sweep this year. I consider that I have thus missed an excellent chance of making my fortune, once again. But next to myself, of course, Mr. Editor, I wish you may get it. I have received an invitation to spend a week or so at Howrah with a friend. It has certainly some advantages. I believe it is out of the jurisdiction of the Calcutta S.C.C. So is Sealdah and Kidderpore; at both of which I have friends. What a lark, to ring the changes all round, and after staying a week at one place bolt off to the other. When do the holidays at the law Courts take place? I am very anxious to know. Pay Rs. 1,000 to Messrs. Sharpes, Cuteonides & Co.! Not if I know it. I intend to go tiger shooting during the Doorga Poojah with some capital fellows, and will write to you about it. I shall invite Tom Trot to accompany us, and then—

BURMESE JOKE.

Says *The Leader* in a late issue:—

THE *Rangoon Daily News* has brought forth fruits meet for repentance. The Editorial Notes are now duly accredited to the papers from which they are taken.

This is encouraging, and reformation having taken place in the ways of one of the Burmese Journals, *Charivari* would be loth to consider the case of any other hopeless. Still what are we to say to *The Rangoon Gazette*, who produces the little piece (which under the title, "A Nutshell Novel," appears in J. Ashby Sterry's well-known book of "Boudoir Ballads") in manner and form following:—

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A CONDENSED NOVEL.

Vol. 1	*Vol.* 2.	*Vol.* 3.
A winning wile, A sunny smile, A feather; A tiny talk, A pleasant walk, Together!	A little doubt, A playful pout, Capricious! A merry miss, A stolen kiss, Delicious!	You ask mamma, Consult papa, With pleasure; And both repent, This rash event, At leisure! N. Y. M.

We would fain hope our contemporary has been duped by the audacious N. Y. M. whoever he may be—probably a lineal descendant of his namesake the friend and fellow swashbuckler of one Bardolph, and apparently like his progenitor an adept in the use of the nuthook. Constable *Charivari*, however, bid him stand and deliver up the stolen goods, and advises he more careful in future how he of this kidney.

APPROPRIATE EMBLEM.

The *Indian Mirror* pictorially represents itself at the head of its leading columns, under the counterfeit presentment of a veritable looking-glass, which gives back from its surface the dim rays of a candle of the order, familiarly known at home as "the farthing rushlight." Felicitously emblematic it is presumed of the editorial opinions as reflected on the page that follows.

In re Patti and Caux.

Poor Adelina's got to pay all expenses of all proceedings, and give up all her marriage settlements worth many thousands, &c. The gallant Marquis admitted calling her 'a gold mine'. 'She was *mine*,' he explained, 'and as good as gold.' This gold behaviour of his, she remarked one day, accompanied by a catarrh, was dreadful. When asked for pocket money she was told to sing for it. When she demanded supper, to whistle for it. Besides this she heard him say he Adelina, but he wished he 'ad a fatter wife: this was in his fatfool intervals. He also objected to her supping with Nicolini, the tenor, but she preferred this to 'supping of horrors' with her husband, who also hinted at a *pair or more* of paramours. The little lady is disgusted and is off to America, and I daresay wishes she'd met *me* now, but 'tis too late. You never heard me sing, Sir?* Titiens is resting on her sofa and laurels, not being allowed to sing again yet I wonder what the sensation of resting on laurels is. I'll just run up to the Bay Tree and have some of its famous mutton-broth, with a loin chop swimming in it, and enquire O. L. L.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

An enterprising London caterer has just been fined £12-10 for having a few tons of putrid American hams for sale. Another victim of misplaced confidence.

* No; and don't want.—ED.

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THE PRIEST IN ABSOLUTION.

An amusing story regarding the Priest in Absolution concludes as follows:—

"Why this exception? Because the cook knows what the book means better than any of us." It seems from this that there must be some connection between Ritualism and Cookery, perhaps the link of sympathy joining the two may be traced to the fact that both dabble a good deal in hot water.

Charivari believes that a second and stronger link may be found in the fact that ritualists and cooks have both not only a great deal of "dressing" to do the Priest in Absolution, a large amount of much more objectionable work.

It must be so.

The *Pioneer's* Simla Correspondent, noticing the manner in which the 23rd Pioneers set to work levelling the plateau of the Observatory Hill, says: The Muzbee Sikhs are more like our English laborers than native workmen. *Charivari* supposes, though somewhat extraordinary, that it Muzbee so.



THE COLONEL AND HIS BEARER.

OLD BLOWHARD WISHES TO IMPRESS ON HIS NEW BEARER THAT HIS HAIR IS TO BE BRUSHED WELL BACK.

INEXPLICABLE.

Says *The Madras Athenæum* in a recent issue:—

"We owe our contemporary, the Calcutta *Englishman*, an apology—which we hasten to acknowledge—for having published in our Weekly Supplement two chapters of Captain Burnaby's "Ride to Khiva," extracted from the *Englishman Saturday Evening Journal. The omission has but just been detected*, and is the result of carelessness on the part of our reader."

This is very handsome—so far as it goes—the acknowledgment of a debt is something towards its settlement, but how the *insertion* of two Chapters of a contemporary's matter can be called an omission passes *Charivari's* comprehension. Perhaps that "careless" reader could explain this also? If not, will our contemporary condescend?

DENTAL.

"Do not wait till you have lost all your teeth, but use . . . which removes the tartar." What an invaluable boon this would have been to the Chinese centuries ago. Instead of building their Great Wall they would only have had to purchase a few boxes of this tooth-powder, which would have effectually removed the Tartar.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.

"Gainsborough pearl, enamel powder, as used by the late beautiful Duchess of Gainsborough under the patronage of Royalty." We trust the last announcement is an impolite fiction. I believe any member of our dear—doubly dear—Royal family would rather face gunpowder than pearl powder the face. I mustn't say any thing about getting up early, as I've made that about rising betimes once or twice before. "Alas!" I may say—"To this complexion have we come at last." "Nature hath given you one face, you make to yourselves another. You jig, you amble, you paint, you nickname God's creatures, &c., a whole row of the pious chauson will tell you more." I've seen a purse made by a horrid surgeon out of a man's skin—tanned. Out of a fashionable lady's skin of face and shoulders, one might make a pair of boots of the same material—enamelled leather.

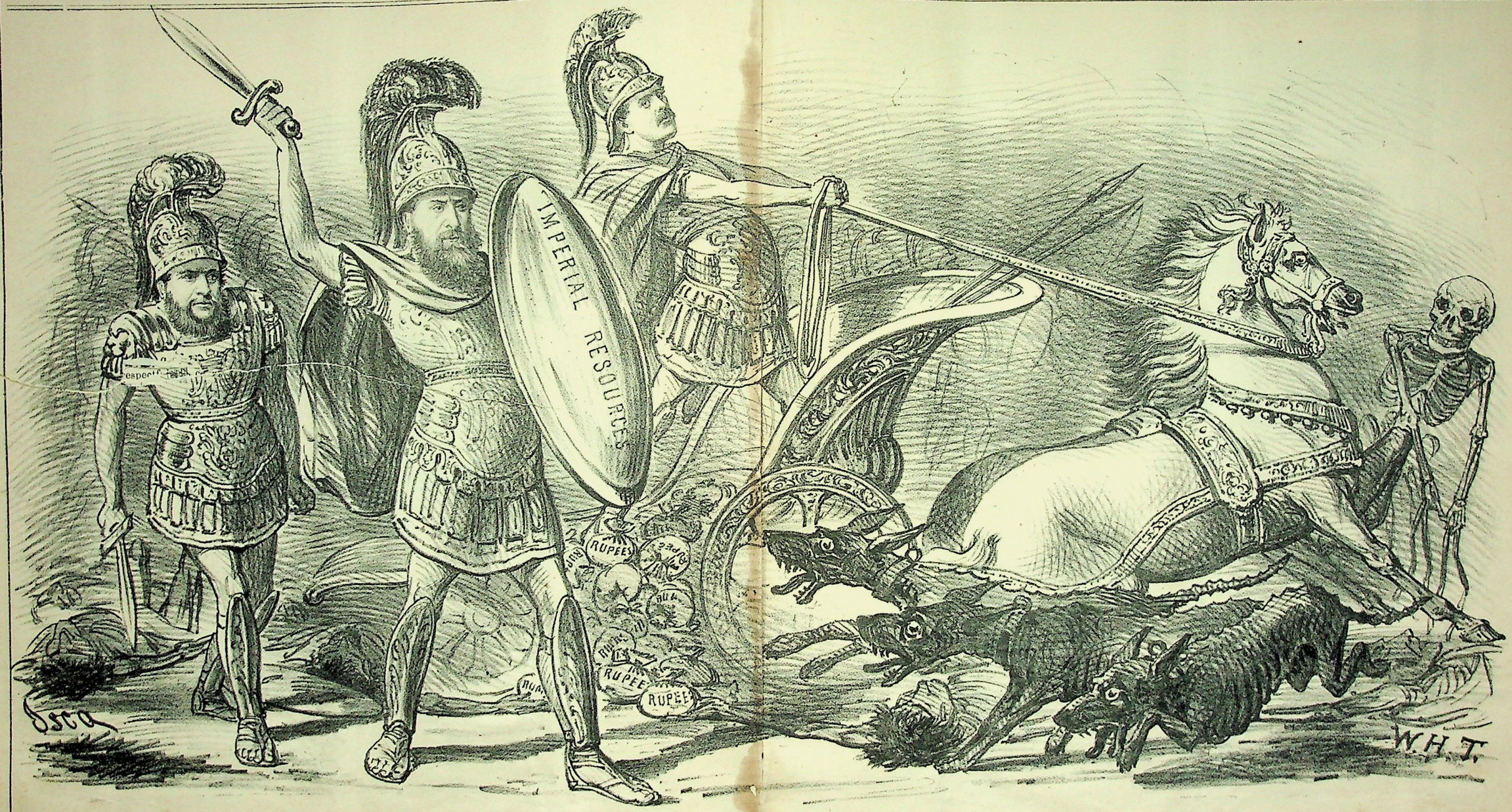
METEOROLOGICAL:—When frogs jump and cows are standing expect rain.

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TO THE RESCUE.

AJAX *(L-D L-TTON)* AND MANELAUS *(COL. BURNE)* GO TO THE RESCUE OF ULYSSES (THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM)

"The prudent Chief in sore distress they found."—*Pope's Iliad, Bk. XI., line* 592.

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MR. EDEN ON THE NATIVE PRESS.

Do I sleep? do I dream?
If things are what they seem
The sensation is quite too delicious;
That a Governor Bold
To the natives has told
That their much be-praised press is seditious.

'Tis a wonderful change,
And must seem very strange
To those long indulged with sweet butter,
To find that a chief
Can express his belief
That a native sedition can utter.

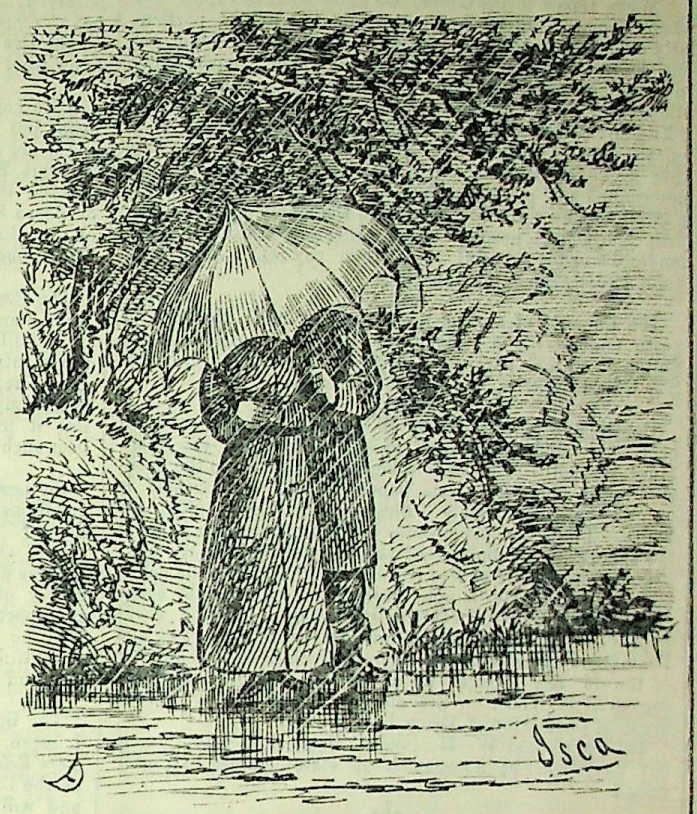
Extra loyal Bengal
Has now had a fall
From its bumptious assumption of knowledge,
And all the world knows
That but chattering crows
Are the youths that we turn out of college.

But they will not admit
That the cap can them fit,
Strong abuse is with them not sedition;
'Tis a duty, they say,
Which they find the least pay,
And annoys those in higher position.

Other rulers of Ind
In their sleeves must have grinned,
When they wrote of such papers laudation;
Now the truth they have heard
There too bad is no word
For those scribes to express their vexation.

So all we can hope
Is they'll have enough rope;
We all know what result will then follow;
But if that will not do
A sound whipping or two
Would make them their words quickly swallow.

BUCK.



THIS IS HOW EDWIN AND ANGELINA ENJOYED THEIR HONEYMOON IN THE ENGLISH MIDSUMMER.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Charivari,—I have just had a pup presented me that I'm going to call after you—not in the way the *gamins* of the Calcutta streets call after you, Sir: he can already *fetch* and *Carry*-Very well.*

* * *

The accounts of the famine in China are truly appalling. Thousands dying of starvation for want of *cash*.† Those speculators still holding stock in hopes of a further rise are really rogues in grain. Parents are authorized legally to sell their offspring—a privilege they are not slow to avail themselves of. I wish I could sell Aunt Jane: I have been thinking of throwing her into the Calcutta matrimonial market, hearing that the sale of young and blooming virgins is not altogether unknown in that City of Palliasses.* Again it's rather too hot there to have *kids on your hands* at all. Thirty-six shillings a likely damsel fetched lately in these grievous famine times. And how did this fearful dearth arise? From want of what we English would do anything to get rid of so much—Rain. The rain which in fair Albion never ceases (except to snow, hail and sleet) would have saved those perishing celestial thousands. The missionaries of every sect are acting nobly. Their charitable conduct's *Pekin* evidence of no *cant on* this time, and will do much to break down the Great Wall of China superstition. Meantime many of the natives have been much pitted. There were four of these pits in Ching-chow alone, holding about 1,000 live wretches keeping themselves warm by bodily contact and mutual fœtid breath, and as each corpse was brought up to the surface, a struggle took place overhead for the place below thus vacated: The population of each pit is reckoned thus to be completely renewed in about three months. So, if your rather-more-than-usually-warmhearted-in-summer-time† readers can spare anything from the relief of their own Indian distresses they cannot more worthily bestow their charity than upon these Northern Chinese starvelings.

* The 'ch' in *Charivari* is sounded, by the Italians, hard as 'k'.—ED.
† The cash is a trifling Chinese coin about equal to our cowrie.—ED.

* He must be thinking of the county of Beds. If we did not esteem our eccentric contributor, we should be inclined to query 'what is the *matter-ass*.—ED
† An adjective worthy of a German philosopher.—ED.

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"When Greek meets Greek" we know what to expect, but when Roman Catholic meets Protestant at Belfast, particularly over such a warlike affair as a funeral procession, no one knows what to expect. The town is now comparatively in a state of siege. Each party generously persists in not allowing any one to have an opinion different to their own." "Ye must be saved as Oi wish or hurroo! big-yarrah! Oi'll smash your———head in so that your own———mother won't know yez." Still they are admirable for the determined and plucky manner they have resisted up till now all advances of civilisation, and the manly and independent spirit that prompts them rather to sacrifice life (their landlord's or his agent's) rather than pay rent. This is a point I really can sympathise in.*

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The Emperor of all the Russians is no more thinking of peace (unless it's a piece of the Ottoman Empire) than the Sultan of all the Turkeys. What he *is* thinking of course it is Czar'd to say.

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Contrary to all expectation W. H. Smith, Esq., Junr., has been appointed First Lord of the Admiralty, *vice* Ward Hunt, promoted (I hope) to a higher sphere. From the bookstall to the admiralty—from paper to iron. Beaconsfield is on to stationery lately. First young Pigott, now old Smith. From the paper-knife to the two thousand pounder is a change indeed and a good (book) stall off. He is, however, a man of more or less truth† notwithstanding his day—and wick-lies. He is not, however, as supposed by some, (idiots) the author of Myth's Smithology. [Talking about papers do you know that *Touchstone*, the new Sporting and Dramatic Illustrated Paper, against which Ledger, the editor of the old *Era* brought an action for calling itself in its second little The New Era, and lost it, is owned by and the organ of Chatterton of Drury Lane ?]

Let's hope that W. H. (Work Hard ?) 's attention to our navy will be a specimen of statesman*ship* extraordinary.‡

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Great scandal is created by the publication of the number of prisoners committed, who have to wait nearly a year and sometimes longer, in durance vile before trial. This interests me personally, as who knows in these uncertain days when he may be not found out and committed accordingly; and what would be your feelings, Sir, to receive my invaluable contributions, dated from Clerkenwell House of Detention ?§ It's all very well for you, Sir, who are only in the habit of committing yourself (on every possible and impossible occasion.) So Cross, who has feelings for us criminals, who after all are all of *A-size*, has enacted September and October trials during the vacations: not that if I had any boys from school I think they'd like being tried during the vacation. Next year, look out! *No one* is to be untried for more than three months!

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The identiscope is an instrument which gives "scientific certainty as to the original of photographic portraits taken at different periods." Whalley wants it tried on "the unhappy nobleman now languishing at Dartmoor," but the Government does not. The latter has a habit of having its own way. The inventor says that it's in Whalleyable.

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I *entire*-ly agree with Sir E. Watkin, that public houses should be closed during polling hours: if not *pro bono publico*, *pro boni* (face) *public house*: the scenes at Grimsby were appalling really: the landlords seeming to brew more mischief than beer: it even made him blush. As he pathetically observed, 'Tis not the brews that galls it is the blush—fill not!" Cross says (I haven't heard Blackwell's opinion*) that on the Eve of an election he does not care Adam. I don't know what he means.

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A Turcophile is not, as is generally imagined, a new torpedo, but a man—who sees anything admirable in Turkey and is not ashamed to own it. One file to Turkey, in Holmes, 36 years, English Consul, retires beknighted from that benighted land. This is horrid for Jenkins who got him out of Bosna Surai, on the grounds of his undisguised admiration of the Bulgarian atrocities, not reckoning on the interest of the Holmes Secretary.

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The Post Office Savings' Bank is making a fortune. They make 5 and pay 2½ per cent. on deposits. Over a quarter of a million nett they netted last year. Post Office Orders are in future to be the same as bank notes—this is really a good step. I don't rightly understand the term Saving Banks, myself. I never should attempt to save a bank—unless it were on fire. As to the Bank Holiday there's just been such a fuss about—*I* give every bank a holiday every day

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Sir Lewis Pelly, K.C.S.I., should now be proud, in K.C.B. ambitions, at having those capital capitals added to his name.†

Oh! cheese it! Farmer Nutall intends to nut all previous caseous exhibitors by shewing 3,000 cheeses; and even this goodly quantity, he says, is nut all he's got. They have not, as reported, anything to do with Lett's Dairies (which will soon be ready for 1878—Ah, me! how Time flies!) It is delightful to think *such earning* money and milk at the same time and in *such easy* fashion.‡

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The Board of Works' streeting us to a new treat—No, I mean, treating us to a new street—from the Cross *de la etere Reine* (I don't mean the Home Secretary) to the Road of the Court de Tottenham, is another good step in advance, and will save us many more; though it will play the dickens with the seedy dickeybird dealers and other of my intimate St. Giles's friends. Mossoo will also be put to inconvenience together with Herr, Signor, Senor, &c., in the purlieus of Soho, and also the laundresses of their foreign seedy dickeys'.§ Of course the dealers in chickweed and groundsel can't object to the ground selling under them.

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An Oxford Street firm advertises that it's buying up all the long hair off the Circassian ladies' heads who are selling it to help with the proceeds their wounded brethren. O, scissors! This scissors surprise! But what will the Circassian lovers say on returning from the wars to find their mistresses shorn of their *hempenlike tresses*. How can one exclaim to his bald ladylove, "Oh *Hemptress* of my soul!"? "Behold, *Sir, cash here!*" Meanwhile any English lady wanting to purchase any of these *coiffures* can headdress herself to the Oxford Street firm.

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After successfully getting the Exeter Gas Company fined (and found), as related in my last, the latter retaliated by leaving the town in darkness one night last week, to which the public retaliated by breaking all the lamps and making a torchlight attack on the Company's offices, to which the police retaliated by breaking a few heads with their truncheons and taking up a few ring leaders, to which the public remonstrated by jumping on a few constables, having previously made a praiseworthy but ineffectual attempt to fire the

* We daresay you do, you disreputable humbug.—ED.
‡ So are you.—ED.
‡ It is unusual, though not inappropriate, for one of us Press-Gang to be connected with the navy.
§ We fear we should not get any at all after your trial.—ED.

* Pickles.—ED.
† In case he be—K. C. B. Knight Commander of the Bath.—ED.
‡ We *sojourners* in India suppose *such earners* to pun *such churners*. 'Such cheesy fashion' explains itself.—ED.
§ Is this *affront* ?—ED.

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Company's offices. The Company are justly indignant as if the public had not interfered with their steady and persevering attempts to poison them, the public, with the stench of their good works in the first instance; they the Company would not have been fined, besides being let in for hundreds in the way of damages, nor have had more hundreds of pounds' worth of lamps smashed. On the other hand even the ring-leaders are not sorry. Exeter may be the metropolis of Devonshire, but it's not the gas-meteropolis. Not being a *gas*tronomer myself I can throw no further light on the *quæstio vexata*.

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We expect a very good harvest, but if the war continues are told to expect a dear loaf. This will be hard for the working man: also (but that don't matter) for the loafers.

"The Empress of India, with a patient shuttle," is a sewing-machine. By-the-bye! there's a patent shaving-machine now, price 2*s.* 6*d.* for invalids, travellers, stormy ships, duffers, &c; it's about 3-inches by 1½.

"Britons (or Egyptians either) never, never, never," &c., so they've signed a mutual convention for the suppression of the slave trade.

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The Bulgarians are giving the Turks "what for?" when they catch them, their wives or their children. Altogether the Turks must be sorry they ever instituted Atrocities; for besides these their former victims they find the Cossacks requiring no tuition whatever, but born geniuses in brutality and blood-thirstiness. They are both very good at fighting, with large numerical advantages on their own side; and it seems clear that, if six Russians can beat one Turk with ease, on the other hand, half a dozen Turks can lick a single Russian with facility. The Cossack, it seems, feeds principally on a horrid but strengthening mess of Tea, boiled in soup, grease, &c., and compressed into cakes. This gives him superior advantage in running away should he find himself less than 6 to 1 of the enemy. John Bull, on the same principle, eating so much superior rations, obtains his matchless *staying* power. Amongst other trifling attentions, I see that the Turks have been burying Christians alive.

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The Plymouth Corporation Dungheap has just been before a Select Committee of the House of Commons. Unfortunately their report is not published.*

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It appears that hitherto Beaconsfield has declined to draw his salary: he has however now been persuaded to do so. The reason he gave for refusing so long would be, in an American ear, strange; but in reality was very simple. He did not want it.

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Quis custodes costodiet? Scotland (why called Scotland?) Yard, and indeed the whole detective system, must be entirely remodelled and purified, thanks to the revelations brought forward in the trial of the three arch impostors concerned in the French Countess Betting Swindle. Perhaps a literal change would be more explanatory. Call it in future the Defective Department. Our children will ask us, "And why were they called detectives, papa?" "Because, my dears, they never detected anything."

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Albert Grant, I am glad to see, has £83,000 to pay on the score of the late trial. It's satisfactory to find that a large party of business men, headed by Mr. Lowe, consider that fools (*i.e.*, clergymen, literary men, poets, women and all classes not specially versed in roguery) are the proper prey of swindlers, and oppose giving, by the New Companies' Act, such full and detailed information as should prevent the 'fools' from handing over their pittances, jointures or hard-earned savings to the tender mercy of City and Parliamentary Magnates. These worthies, doubtless, approve of the Alexander, Collie, and Overend and Gurney Swindles. Liquidation is another good form of swindling, legally protected. I don't mean liquidation like ours, Sir*—brandy and soda, &c., which does no one any harm and *us* good—one Company, liquidated from 1861 till 1875, having by that time spent in liquidation a sum equal to half its original liabilities.

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Two Indian gentlemen, with unpronounceable names, send in a petition suggesting we pay for our Indian Museum in London ourselves, without troubling *their* country. This is ungenerous. Such shocking selfishness brings tears into the Old Man's eyes.

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Bradlaugh and Mrs Besant are stumping the country, lecturing on their wrongs, and getting together money for their appeal trial.

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The Report on the suicide of the poor Blue Coat Lad from bullying and fagging attributes no blame to any one. Probably the masters and upper boys will each be presented with a piece of plate at Government expense, and the fags with a thrashing. The latter by way of novelty.

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Mr. Leigh, *pendente lite*, that is awaiting hanging† for murdering, a little girl requests her mother to 'pardon him.' His apology is received in a mother Leigh way; but I haven't heard whether she sends her compliments in return to the polite gentleman in his embarassing situation.

The Russians wish to take Osman Pacha in the rear. My informant does not state whether O. P. has been consulted on this *manœuvre*. I. O. P. has, or there may be, an *Osman œuvre board*.‡

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The Indian Viceroy's policy of venturing the other side of the strongest natural fortification in the world§ to conciliate transfrontier tribes is properly censured at home, as the result, if successful, might be, in case of emergency, to compel us to fight on inimical or quasi-friendly territory without that immense advantage of Nature. It is not true, however, that he found on the Friday of his visit the tribes indulging in a tribe-and-onion supper.

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Talking about tripe what about the tribe partite treaty Kenealey insists upon existing between Russia, Austria and Prussia (or Germany, if you like‖) for the division of Turkey after the war? The Doctor keeps on asking Government if they know aught about it, and G keeps on declining to answer.

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Mr. Clemens Mark Twain will lecture here a few, I guess, yew bet your bottom dollar.

The British Ass (accepted abbreviation of the British Association) is about to meet at Plymouth. Great preparations to receive them and their friends, *viz.*, all the prices of everything gone up, not forgetting the dear landladies.

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Amongst curiosities of advertisements for the present week I notice Culleton's, the heraldic engraver. He naively observes in the course thereof. "The arms of man and wife blended." This is calculated to mislead thousands of contentious couples, while a few others are able to perform the operation without its being *blazoned* forth to the world.

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"Limp gentleman's card cases" is a specimen of class-narrowing in advertisements. Allow me to suggest as pendants, "Stiff ladies' penwipers," and "Soft woman's pincushion."

* Fortunately.—ED.

* Be so good as to confine your remarks to yourself.—ED.

† We again warn our readers to beware of this erratic correspondent's classics—especially when he volunteers a translation.—ED.

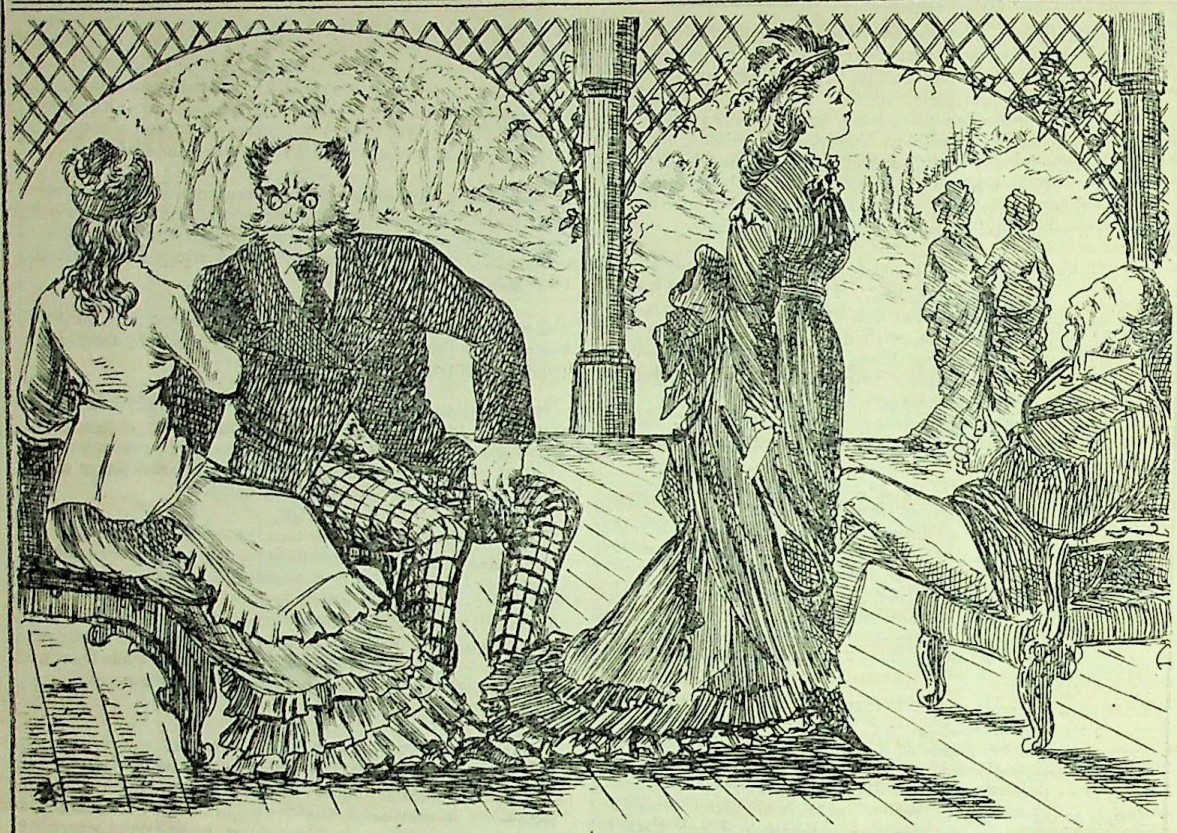
‡ The answer in my next.—ED.

§ The Himalayas.—ED.

‖ On the contrary, we don't like Germany.—ED.

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INTELLECTUAL AMUSEMENT.

Miss Gusher.—OH COLONEL LANGUIDSWELL, CANNOT I PERSUADE YOU TO MAKE ONE AT A GAME OF BADMINTON?
Colonel Languidswell (speaking with difficulty.)—TH-A-NKS ER—NO—FACT IS THIS WEATHAW I JUST MANAGE TO TWIDDLE MY THUMBS AS YOU SEE, AND EVEN THAT I FIND BEASTLY FATIGUING.—*(Collapses.)*

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County Clare Election has just been decided, and a Home Ruler returned by a majority of 2 to 1. I've always found the best Home Ruler to be the poker. If a man can't rule his home with that he won't any otherhow.

North Northampshire has returned another Conservative in place of Ward Hunt by an enormous majority over the Liberal.

A two-and-a-half-ton ox (not from '*Oxton)* is on view.

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A new paper, to be published on the 19th prox. I intend sending you a copy, as it's only a penny, and you might return me a native stone.* It's hight, by which I mean yclept, The Referee.

We're all off to the briny now. I, Sir, in despair of my life, am at present committing seaside in Devonshire. There are uglier places than Torquay, Dartmouth, Paignton, Dawlish, Brixham, Starcross, &c. I have attended most of their Regattas. Torquay one was p-h-y-r-m. It was an affair of no ordinary interest—in point of fact there *was* an ordinary of a *most* interesting character, at which the old man played a distinguished knife and fork, followed by rack, punch, &c. I cannot detail the Regatta, as unfortunately this dinner was previous and after the &c., I remember no more.†

* Paving.—ED.
† Valuable special correspondent this.—ED.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION, as they say in 'another place.' When I remarked in one of my former letters that for future communications from me you might go, honoured Sir, to the devil, I meant the printer's devil.*

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Theatricals at Fiji.—In all places of dramatic and operatic entertainment in these interesting Isles, the system of pass-out checks is not adopted, but visitors wishing to return during the performance have a nick or gash cut in their faces by the check taker, who thus easily identifies them again. Old play-goers are getting tired of this dodge, which gets monotonous in time. One whose scared face was one blurred scar said he was *sick o' tricks*†

"How sharper is it to have ingratitude!" Leah, the Jewish Maiden.—*Shakespeare.* During the Irish famine the Porte sent £10,000 worth of grain as a relief present. The Irish members have retaliated by voting for the extermination of the Porte.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year,
I am
(not what I am)
Shakespeare,
No!

YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

* Oh! Ah! Hum!—ED.
† Answer received per *Reuter*:—*Cicatrix.*—ED.

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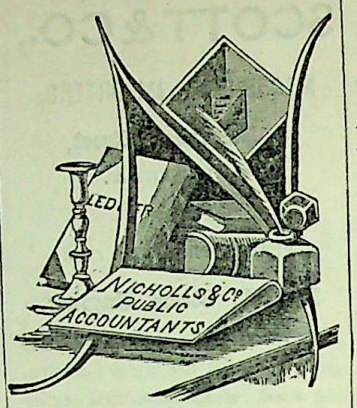
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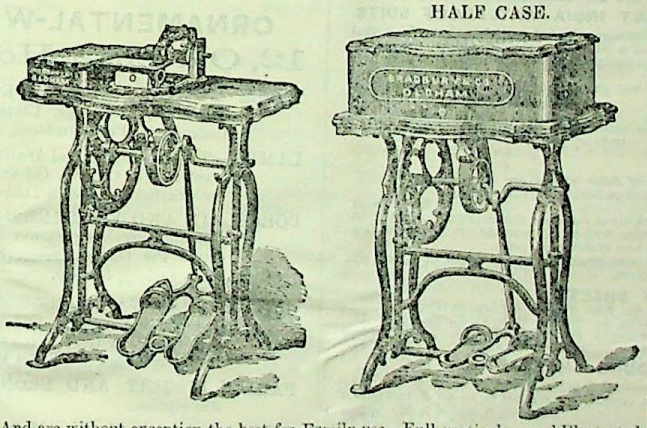
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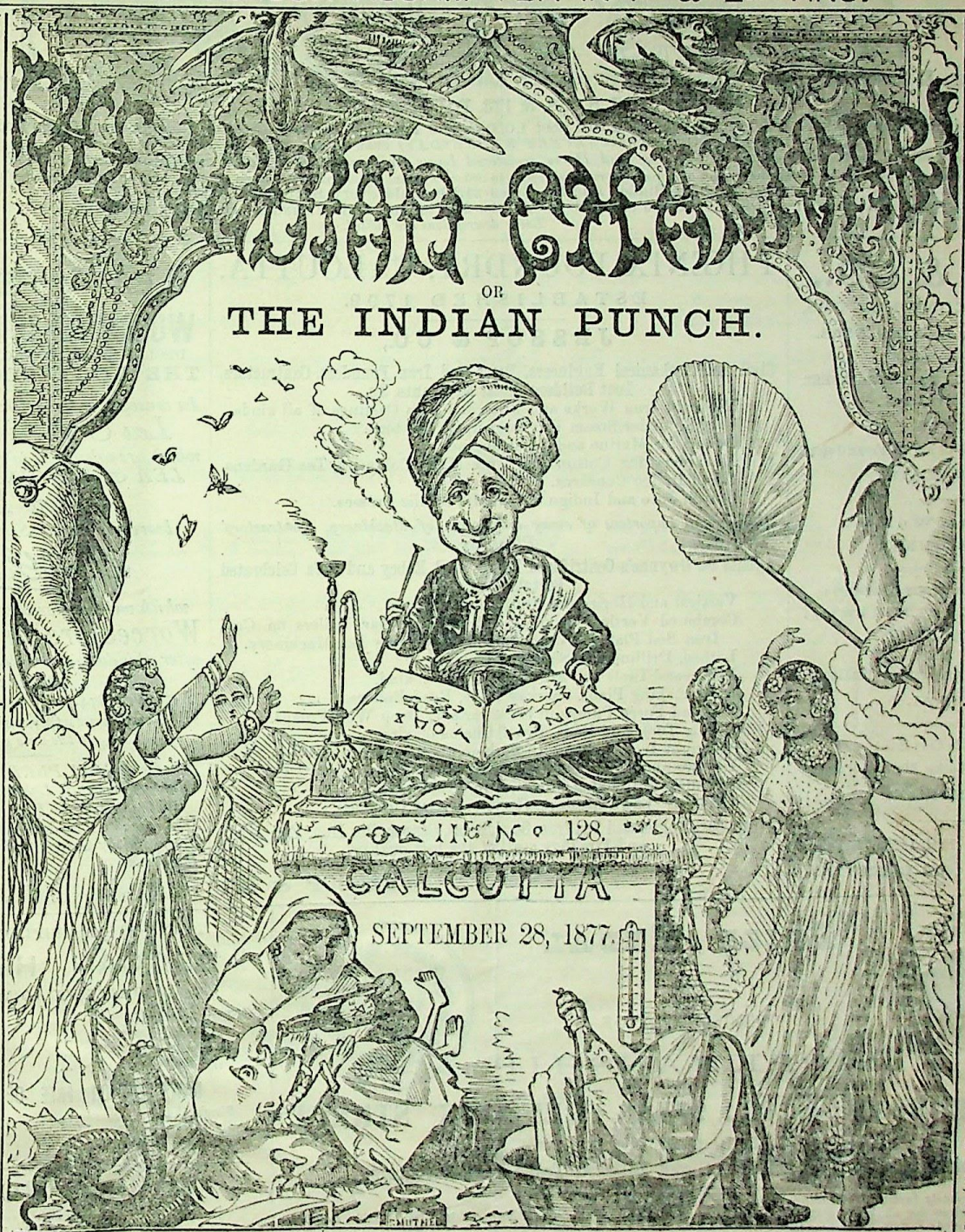
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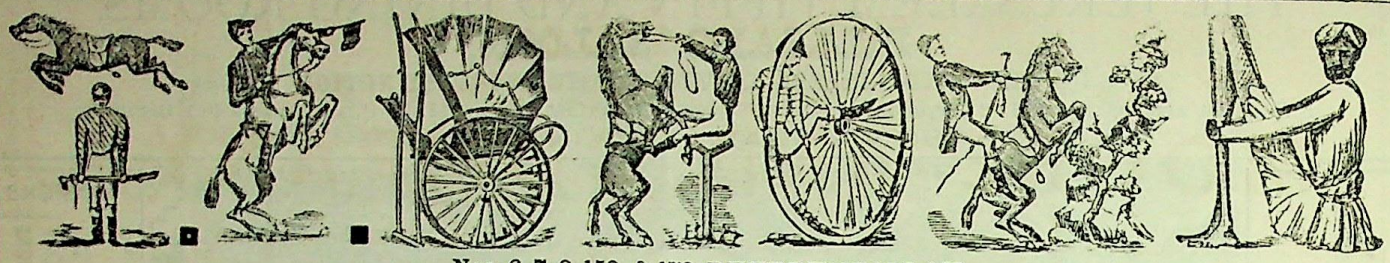
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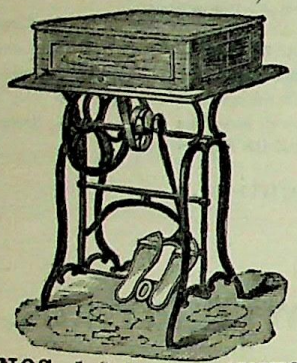
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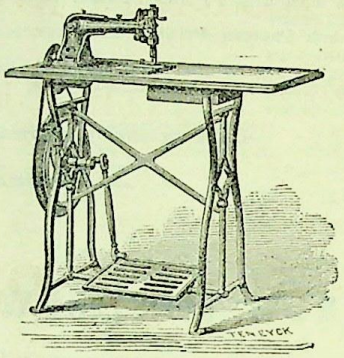
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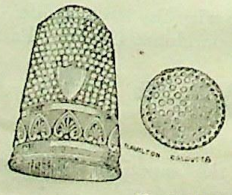
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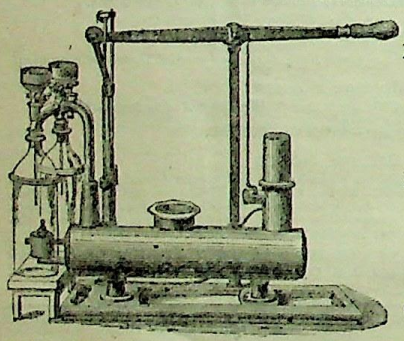
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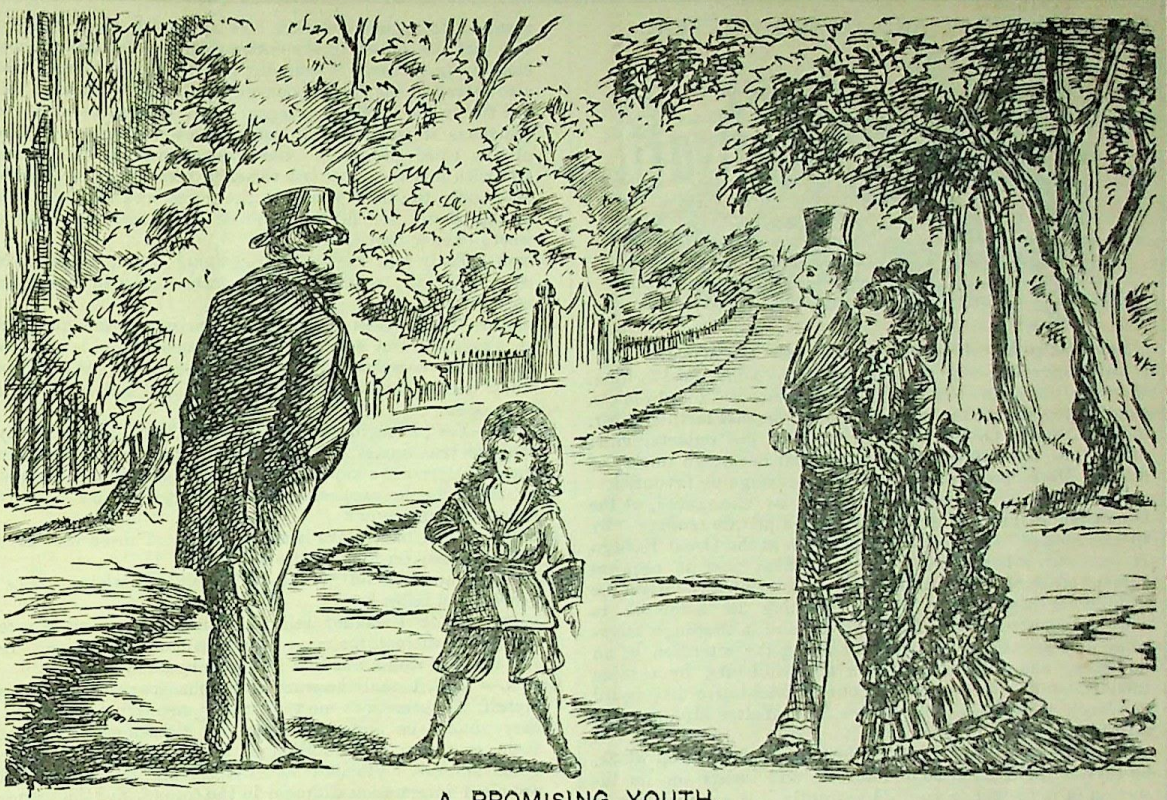
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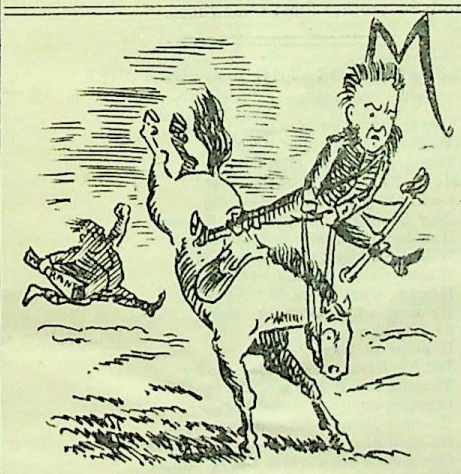
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A PROMISING YOUTH.

Pious Uncle (who has great hopes of his nephew's developing a zeal for the church)—YOU WERE A VERY GOOD BOY, JACK, TO PUT SOMETHING INTO THE OFFERTORY BAG. WAS IT THE RUPEE I GAVE YOU THIS MORNING?

Unabashed Youth.—OH NO, I SPENT THAT IN SWEETMEATS. IT WAS ONLY A BUTTON FROM OFF MY KNICKERBOCKERS. WASN'T IT LUCKY THAT IT CAME OFF JUST IN TIME?



SONG OF THE IMPECUNIOUS "SUB" AT SIMLA.

Air—"*What to us is Silver Hair?*"

MUTTON chops, you say, are dear—
Is there aught in that to fear?
Look into the past and see,
Have we e'er been out of tea?
What though kuprah-wallahs stare
When asked to show their costly ware,
Still there's little cause for fear
Till the Season's over, dear.

Chorus.

Then no silver need we show
Where yon mountain breezes blow;
While our credit still is fair,
What to us is Silver there?

What to us is Silver here,
While the road to Kalka's clear?
What though in my books I see
Cash has long forsaken me?
Bills, perchance, are growing old,
Tradesmen's looks becoming cold;
But there's little cause or fear,
Till the Season's over, dear.

Chorus.

Then no silver, &c.

In the idle days of old,
Scarlet coat and braid of gold
Caught their fancy, and the cry
Was "Dekho, Captain Sahib hai!"
"'All that glitters is not gold'
Is a tale that's oft been told:"
But I did not tell them, dear,
Nor say I had no silver here.

Chorus.

Then no silver, &c.

When the hour of payment nears,
Darling, calm thy childish fears:
Let me breathe a word that may
Avert the terrors of that day.
Let me whi-per in thine ear—
—When that dreaded hour is here,
Then (start not, you little dolt,)
Our best plan will be—to "bolt."

Chorus.

Then no silver, &c.

CONUNDRUM.

Q.—(Which of the two obstructive Irish members should be the more severely censured?

A.—Why the, Biggar (bigger) of the two, of course.

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC.

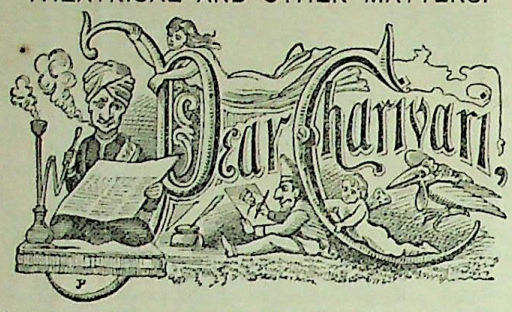
Q.—What is one-third of thirty thousand rupees worth?

A.—Five hundred rupees or a thousand, if it can't be got for less.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



SAVING that he whom whilom I named "the Minstrel Boy" is still performing with varying, but on the whole good fortune, there is little in the way of amusements to chronicle. Considering the mean temperature of the last fortnight, Sir, it speaks highly for the attractiveness of the entertainment offered at the Chowringhee house that people go thither at all, and Dave may consider himself a yet reigning favourite

Mr. Batson's readings took place, as announced, at the Opera House, and the gentleman gave a private reading "by special request" in one of the large rooms at the Great Eastern Hotel. Sir, it has always been my opinion that it requires a man of exceptional ability, unusual sympathy with the feelings of the writers whose meaning he attempts to convey, a resonant and flexible voice, and a thorough knowledge of elocution, to succeed in keeping the attention of an audience, and interesting them for two hours, by reading unaided by any accessories. Your representative has heard two such men, J. C. M. Bellew and Walter Montgomery, a third he has yet to meet.

Oh, Sir, a friend of mine has sent me a composition which, he says, he believes to be of interest, and insists on its insertion in my letter to you. Apparently it is a translation of a Greek manuscript, and is a fragment, so far as I can see, of a conversation about some alleged irregularities and sharp practices of certain persons in the matter of the sale of the shell which drew the winning chariot in the Olympian games, on which a large lottery had been got up. The Fragment is called—

THE SALE OF THE SHELL.

(*Scene—a Street in Corinth*) Enter Cleon and Dolops.

CLEON.—What is this, Dolops, about the sale of the winning shell in the great lottery, of which men are talking so much. Thinkest thou aught was unfair?

DOLOPS.—Truly, I cannot say, but I hear the thing happened in this wise: At the great drawing, the shell for Ilvios' chariot, which was most in favor for the race, as thou knowest, fell to one Nicsiral, a scribe in the house of the great vendor of books. As soon as this was done Alcibiades, who wagereth largely on these events, sent by a swift messenger to one in this city to seek out Nicsiral and offer him thirty thousand drachmas for the shell.

CLEON.—Was that not considered a sufficient and fair offer?

DOLOPS.—Truly those who profess to know, say it was, and Alcibiades is, as thou wottest, above reproach; but that is not the matter.

CLEON.—What then is it, good Dolops?

DOLOPS.—It is this, that the manager of the great lottery being bound by promise to send swift messengers to each who should draw the chariots most fancied, neglected to send to Nicsiral, and hath since said he considereth that in despatching news to Alcibiades' agent, who was to communicate with Nicsiral, he did all that was necessary.

CLEON.—Truly it was a pity he adhered not to the letter of his engagement, or that he had not some better reason to give for omitting to do so.

DOLOPS.—Indeed, men say so, and assert that great loss hath resulted from his omission. It appeareth that Nicsiral was not the owner of the entire chance which drew Ilvios' chariot, but shared it conjointly with other twain, who also served in the great bookvendor's stores. Now it fell out that when Alcibiades' agent went thither to offer the drachmas it was yet early, and none were there but one of the chief people of the business who abode there, and with him the agent left the offer, who straightway made offers unto the three who held the ticket, and did buy two of the shares for fifteen hundred drachmas, which were worth twenty thousand.

CLEON.—Truly that was sharp bargaining, but perhaps only what was fair, seeing that the men sold with their eyes open.

DOLOPS.—The fairness of the sale, Cleon, is not the question at issue, but the action of the manager of the lottery, as the sellers complain that in the absence of his message which he was bound to send, they did not sell with their eyes open.

CLEON.—Yes; I begin to see, but stay, heard I not one say that the true names of those who gamble for chances in these lotteries are kept secret, and only the name assumed by them, for the purposes of the lottery, is known to any except the manager?

DOLOPS.—Such has always been the belief of those who have risked money on these matters.

CLEON.—How then did Alcibiades know to whom Ilvios' chariot had fallen?

DOLOPS.—Truly I cannot tell, and the public mind is sore disquieted thereat, for many who chance their money in this fashion, would not that it should be known.

CLEON.—Well, I shall be wary of encouraging such ventures myself. It seemeth to me that where men trust implicitly they should be protected from the consequences even of their own want of knowledge, by those who manage these matters. Violated secrecy, in the first place, and promised information withheld in the second, give the chance to sharp adventurers to prey on the unwary. I blame not them, they act after their kind, but for those who ——

Here the fragment abruptly ends, Sir; you can insert or reject it as best suits you. But I seem to have heard something like it in another form somewhere.

TAWASENTHA; OR, THE BROKER'S MILL.

After Longfellow (*a long way.*)

You all know young Obadiah,
Obadiah, the younger Broker.
Young, impulsive, Obadiah
He that's named "the bellicose."
I will tell you how it happened,
How he fought for truth and honour,
How he fought with one Covehomo
Who'd maligned him, so he said.
When young Obadiah hearing,
Hearing what was said about him,
He arose with dark'ning visage
And he *nearly* swore an oath.
If he swore 'twas "sotto voco,"
But his wrath was waxing strong,
Waxing strong and sanguinary
Obadiah resolved on b—lood.
B—lood alone could cool his anger,
B—lood alone wipe out the stain,
Cleanse the stain which t'other broker
Made upon his character.
"Yes," he said, "by Jove I'll kick him,"
"No—I think I'll punch his head,"
"Tho' I hardly like to do it,"
"I might hurt him, he's so small."
Thus commenced young Obadiah.
Obadiah, the younger, Broker
Young, impulsive Obadiah,
He who's named "the bellicose."

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To his work went forth Covehomo,
To his work went smiling forth,
And his tongue ran smooth and glibly,
Butter would'nt melt thereon—
Little knew the man Covehomo,
That a fiend was on his track
Little knew the thirst for vengeance
Which young Obadiah felt.
So he smiled and looked as happy,
Looked as happy as a bird,
As a bird, yes as a tom-tit,
But young Obadiah tracked him,
Tracked him down relentlessly
Patiently he waited for him
In an office in the town.
Here, then met young Obadiah,
Obadiah, the younger Broker.
And the little man Covehomo
He, whose head was to be punched—
To Covehomo spake the young one
Obadiah the younger, spoke—
"O Covehomo, look you small man,
I'm a going to punch your head."
More he said but 'twas in language
Not quite parliamentary,
Though perhaps 'twould be considered
To be quite so now-a-days.
Now Covehomo smiled no longer,
Even he no longer smiled,
For he felt himself much smaller
Than the young belligerent.
Thus then spake, the man Covehomo
Thusly spoke to Obadiah—
"Sir—I do not wish to know you."
"Do not wish to converse with won."
"Why d'you thus obstruct my path?"
Still the young one stood before him
Tow'ring o'er him in his wrath.
So Covehomo, he, the small man,
Quicker than his large opponent,
Quicker than young Obadiah,
Who was wasting time in talking,
"Hit him one" right in the optic,
Marked the you g one in the eye.
Then began this famous conflict,
Then was fought the famous battle,
Which eclipsed all other battles,
Turks and Russians were not thought of
In our town the following day.
But Covehomo felt his smallness,
Perhaps his conscience picked him too,
Soon he cried "Bus, Obadiah,"
Some one please to take him off,"
Some one then stepped in between them,
Drew young Obadiah off,
Or he would have slain Covehomo
In the passion of his wrath.
So thus ended ye great battle
Of ye brokers, in ye City,
In ye City of ye East, of ye many places,
And the battle it is named,
It is known as Tawasentha.
Should you ask me whence this name came,
I should answer, I should tell you,
To refer to "Hiawatha."

A CASE FOR THE POLICE.

A correspondent sends us the following :—

"There is a firm in Calcutta which daily announces to the public, 'if double, you bake her,'* but though the establishment is an emporium of fashion, does not tell us how to dress her if single. I should say, *au naturel*."

We have communicated with the Calcutta Duskovich, as the writer has evidently escaped from Bhowanipur or ought to be there.

* F. W. Baker & Co. we suppose the idiot means.—Ed.

ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

[By D. I. S. Content, Esq.]

Having just now a good deal of spare time on my hands, and being desirous of avoiding, for prudential reasons, those places

"where men most do congregate,"

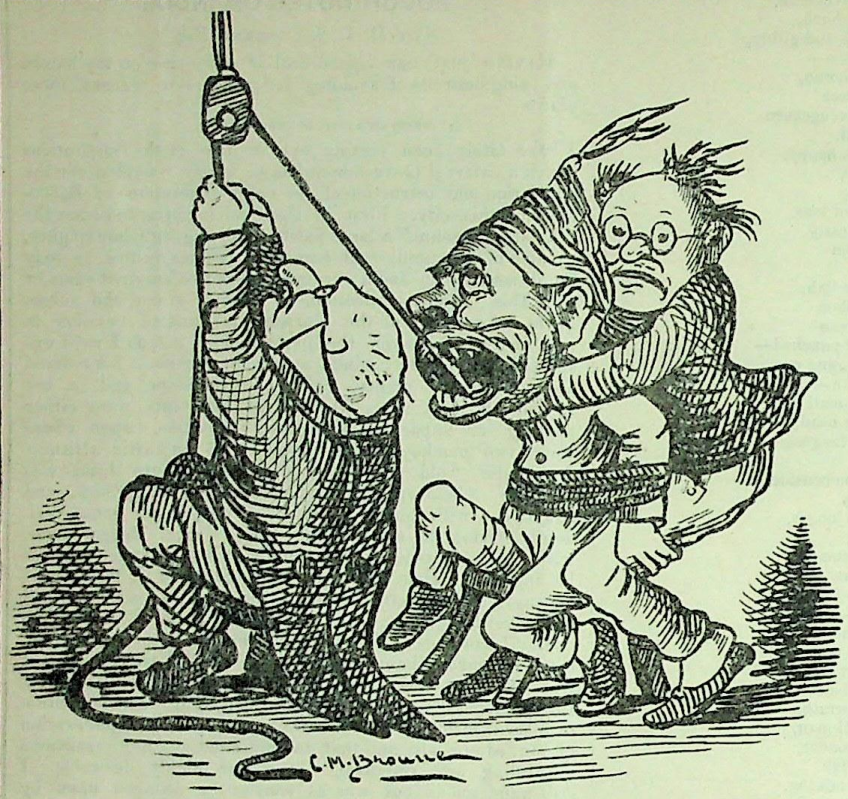
I have lately been visiting one or two of the institutions which a paternal Government has so wisely provided for the edification and instruction of the rising generation of Babooodom in this city. First in size and importance comes the "Asiatic Museum," a large palatial building in Chowringhee, capable of containing such curiosities and antiquities as may be discovered in India during the next five hundred years or so. This present collection,—I believe,—from the subsequent information of the Durwan—is bundled together in one or two rooms on the ground-floor; but, as I went upstairs, I unfortunately missed seeing any portion. I wandered about through empty halls and corridors, and at last turned up in a room where some assistants were either packing or unpacking a stuffed rhinoceros, upon whose back two monkeys were placed in a pugilistic attitude. A gigantic "old man" kangaroo, on whose head was a white "bell-topper," shouldered a walking stick, and squinted with glassy eyes at a performing camel evidently trying to stand on its head; a royal Bengal tiger, with a pipe in its mouth, was mildly gazing at, and doubtless hailing as a brother, a large shark, standing on its tail; whilst an eagle, doubtless frightened at the whole proceedings, had settled with outstretched wings on the horns of a Sambhur deer. I had scarcely looked round, struck with wonder and astonishment at these vagaries of the animal world, when I was told that the room was private, so I at once retired, fully convinced, however, from the smell, that the consumption of tobacco forms a very important part in the preservation of stuffed animals, and that, to counteract any unpleasantness in dealing with the same, "pegs" are highly desirable. I still wandered on, but was as constantly pounced upon by Durwans, who informed me that every room, the door of which I opened, was private. I should have liked to have visited the Geological Department, but the entrance was blocked up by an immense piece of coal on a truck, so must defer that pleasure Altogether I feel much gratified with my visit to the "Asiatic Museum," and instructed by what I saw there. I must go there again.

The "School of Arts" in Bow Bazar Street, was my next essay; and as this is at some distance, I was necessitated to hire a gharry. On arriving here, an altercation of some interest arose between the Durwan and the driver as to the admission of my gharry; and, as far as I could make out what was said, the dispute was about the grass growing in the entrance carriage way, which the janitor said would be destroyed by the wheels, and as that was at present the school's sole source of income, I must get out and walk in. After waiting a half hour or so, I was informed that the key of the door was lost; but that if I liked, they would break open a window for me to enter. Just as they were about to do this, some one turned up with the key, which was however so rusty that it would not turn in the lock, so I returned disappointed to my gharry, walking carefully, by the Durwan's instruction, so as not to destroy the grass growing in the path. Altogether the Durwan's manner led me to believe that it was a great intrusion on my part coming there at all; and certainly my arrival, from its novelty, created no little excitement in th neighbourhood.

From thence I betook me to the "Economic Museum," where I felt confident I might pick up a wrinkle or two on Indian produce and manufactures. On entering you are requested to write your name in a book; and on looking back I found three or four people had visited it during the week. In little square trays, covered with glass, you see small samples

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NEAT THING IN ATROCITIES.

RECOMMENDED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COSSACKS AND BASHI-BAZOUKS.

ONLY TO BE EXPECTED.

THE natives in and about Bangalore say that the Viceroy has brought luck with him, for since his visit there has been an abundant rainfall.

Charivari is glad to hear of the rain, but of course it was only to be expected when the *reigning* Viceroy came in person.

NEW WORK.

Stray Leaves from a Military Man's Note Book * is now before *Charivari*, in whose case it has been for some time a stray leaf indeed, it having only just turned up to be inspected. *Charivari* begs to recommend it to all who love a laugh, and especially to every soldier in the British Army. The stories of the brave "old man eloquent" should long rouse the mirth around the barrack fire, or told *vivâ voce* lighten the weariness of many a march.

* Stray Leaves from a Military Man's Note Book, by Henry Hartigan, V.C., late Sergeant, H. M.'s 9th (Queen's) Royal Lancers. Edited by N. T. Walker, late 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers), Calcutta, Thos. S. Smith, City Press, 12, Bentinck Street, 1877.

of wheat or rice, weevilly and black, and tufts of moth-eaten cotton; whilst cracked slabs of wood are exhibited as samples of native timber. I think if Baboos *were* to visit this exhibition, they might pick up a wonderful amount of instruction and information. But they don't; hence the amount of ignorance that prevails! I wasted four hours over this and the "Society of Arts." If people want to see what it is like, why don't they go!

"The Dalhousie Institute" is not far off; so weary and tired, I thought I would just drop in, and see how matters were carried on there. It is a fine building, with a gorgeous ceiling, and some imposing statuary; the former occasionally astonishes quiet readers by falling in small pieces on their heads.

("Fiat justitia ruined ceiling."

As we used to say in the classics,*) whilst the latter shows that even such men as Havelock, Neil, and Nicholson occasionally go on the *bust*. The Library is certainly—thanks to the indefatigable secretary—one of the most heterogeneous ever seen. I have on one or two occasions taken down a book from its shelves; but the showers of white-ants and worms which fell out on opening quickly caused me to replace. Thank goodness, this can't last! I was about to moralize on these various establishments for educating the masses; but Mr. Cutenoides has just come in, so I must make myself scarce. I intend to visit the above places again, when you shall hear more about them.

* Did you; we should not have thought it.—ED.

"JEAMES" IN MADRAS.

IMMORTAL is "Jeames!" Like the Colorado beetle, he penetrates everywhere. Difficulties deter him not, danger fails to scare him, famine cannot starve him out. Witness the following with which a Madras contemporary favours a world hungry for knowledge of the doings and movements of the superior classes:—

"HIS HIGHNESS THE FIRST PRINCE.—As stated in a former issue, His Highness the First Prince arrived at Quilon on the 24th ultimo, and proceeded to the Palarivy waterfalls where, we are told, he intends remaining for a couple of weeks more. It is not known whether His Highness will return to Trevandrum through this town. Most probably he will, and in that case we may be able to judge by personal observation whether his stay at Courtallum has proved benecial to his health."

Happy Palarivy waterfalls, and oh thrice happy "this town" if "His Highness the First Prince" should pass through it on his return, so that "we may be able to judge by personal observation, &c., &c." Really this is very neat of the local "Jeames." *Reis Effendi* couldn't have done it better.

TO TEA DRINKERS.

We see that a young gentleman at home, not finding his tea to his liking, took a noble revenge by committing suicide. The *tedium* of singing a *Tea Deum* over him will be spared the *Congo*-regation.

MORAL.—Don't drink tea if you don't like it.

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WOULD B E UMPIRES.

BISMARK (to the Emperors)—IF THIS GO ES ON MUCH LONGER *WE* MUST INTERFERE.

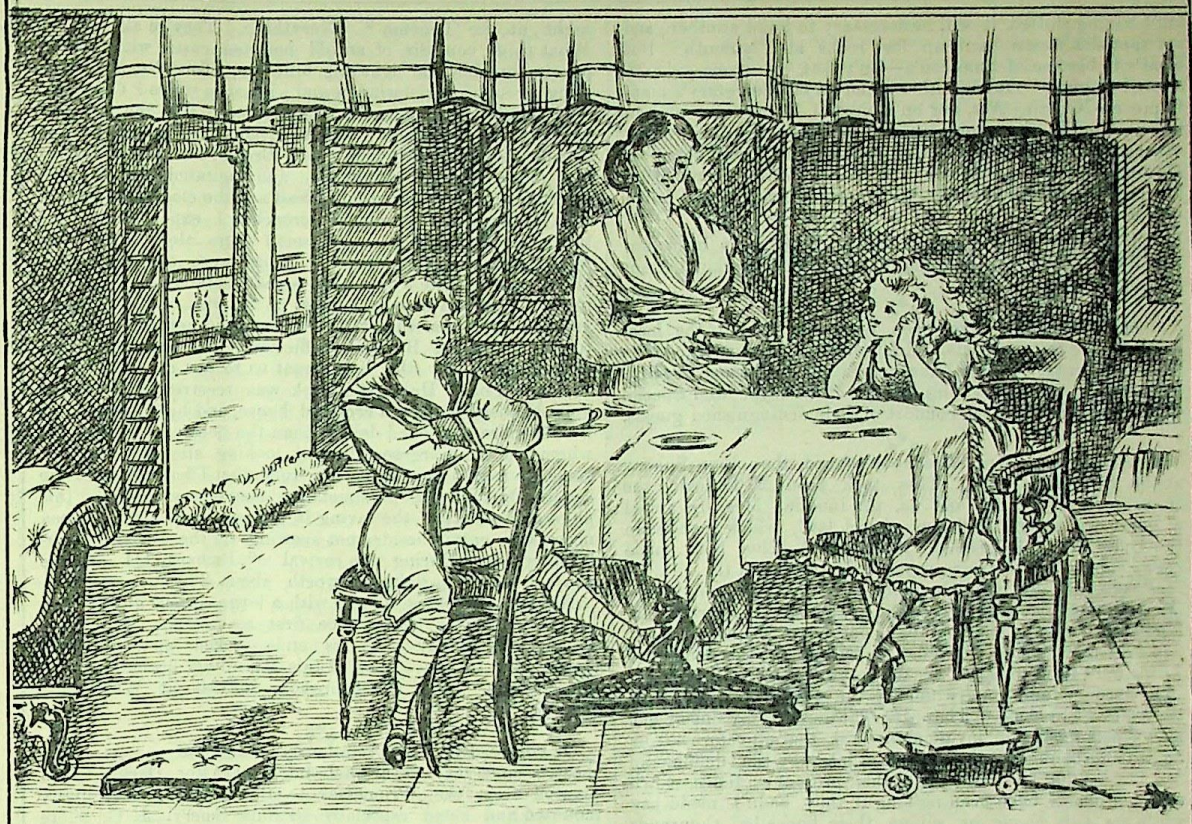
F. M. CHARIVARI.—FAIR PLAY IF YOU PLEASE, GENTLEMEN! LE THEM FIGHT IT OUT: "IT'S A VERY PRETTY QUARREL AS IT STANDS."

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CONCLUSIVE.

Harry.—"DO YOU KNOW EVA THAT PAPA IS GOING TO UNCLE'S TO-NIGHT?" *Eva.*—"WHAT FOR"?
Harry (wisely.)—"TO HEAR THE PROCLAMATION READ, OF COURSE." UNCLE'S MADE MAJOR TO-DAY, AND DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE QUEEN WAS MADE EMPRESS A PROCLAMATION WAS READ?

OUR LONDON LETTER.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Charivari, (I forget the rest of it). From my Devonshire campaign—thanks to your liberality—I have arrove: *clotted* with *cream*, cloyed with *cyder*, drunk with Plymouth's gin,* and fresh from prawning—Do you remember, Sir, in your distant youth when you used to play chess with me and take my prawns, and gave me a suit of checks? Indeed, you were *then* a pal o'mine, so much that you called me your check *mate*. Excuse my re-calling the days when you were not much' more than seven', only plain looking and (on account of your tender age) comparatively virtuous. Well, the first night I went out to catch prawns at Dawlish I caught a cold, which was anything but dawlishus. The next I took a pull at an oar and caught a most successful crab. I wasn't there the third night so don't know what I did. A *non est* man's the noblest work of Heaven.*

* We can believe you.—ED.

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I *was* at the mouth of the Plym, though when Ye British Association met and at the Guild Hall, &c., where the telephone, was tried which is an instrument I cannot approve of, as by its means, you, Sir, by simply opening that noble mouth of yours at one end might heap that abuse into my ear at the other, of which you are so unsparing by cheap, sailing large mails. Not that I think you would play any such scurvy tricks upon the Old Man as shooting peas into his dexter ear or numerous other devices that will occur to your fertile brain on reflection. The song sung through it at Exeter sounded at Plymouth like one of yours, Sir. Whether from the distance it had to traverse, or the vileness of the singer or a relaxation of the telephonic tube, I know not. Perhaps it was a scientific musician singing on Mathematical principles. It's difficult to *tell a tone* by a *tell a phone* I think of patenting an instrument to be called the Tell-a-lie. I know *you* won't subscribe, Sir; but the public might want it.

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Another British Association gent made the astounding announcement (without the assistance of the telephone) that "the rock upon which the Eddystone Lighthouse is

* The old reprobate not only makes a joke still older, but misquotes Pope's line in doing so.—ED.

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built having shifted, it will be necessary to build another; and yet they don't *seem* hard up for rocks at Plymouth. But what's to become of Smeaton's—isn't that his name—*chef-d'œuvre*? I know! It can either stand on the Secretary's mantelpiece—No, Sir. *Not*, nor on a piece of his mantle—or can be exhibited in the provinces as Cleopatra's Needle. Many other useful papers were read, amongst which were some on Devonshire Archaïsms, such as Cheap Rents, Good Beer, Hospitality, Politeness, &c., long since obsolete and fallen into desuetude.

The Monday morning police charge sheets have been unusually full since the meeting of this Grand National Association.

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Special excursions have been organised by all the local Railways for the scientists, and forgetting the proper excursion train accidents. Penny buns were three half-pence each for the occasion, and everything done by the Mayor and Special Committee to ensure the comfort of their distinguished guests.

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Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant profaned the other Sunday at the St. James' Hall. They took about £100 during the three lectures at 3*d*. and 6*d*. per lunatic. Mrs. B. yelled a great deal about 'defiance of bad law', which sounded in the Hall like "defiance of Bradlaugh" They both made cheap capital out of their proposed martyrdom in the vital interests of filth and true obscenity, and were cheered by the *ignorami* and *ignoramæ* to the echo. They find it a great paying game, stumping the country to get money for their appeal. "If necessary," they howled, "we will go to the House of Lords." "If necessary" for the preservation of something like decency and purity among the youth of both sexes, they may go to the—* The only point these frothy demagogic iconoclasts made—in my opinion—was that all reforms from before and behind Luther had been made by the 'defiance of bad law.' £200 and 6 months is their present sentence, which would probably have been nothing if they hadn't made hay while the sun shone by selling their books by thousands after interdiction. Mrs. B. also made one point by denouncing a secret postal department by which book packets were overhauled and stopped at discretion. There certainly is neither just, Parliamentary, legal or ethical justification of this process which certainly *does* exist.

I was sorry to hear Tom Paine's name received with cheers, but there cannot have been one in a hundred of the cheerers who had read his works; though he was a far cleverer man than ever Bradlaugh will be.

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I need not tell you that my return to Town has broken up the seaside season and hundreds followed my example. I have bought a head-to-toe Mackintosh shooting boots, leggings an umbrella and a dustman's oilskin hat, and await the remainder of the summer with complacency.

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Some married ladies objecting to the imposture of a local grocer in court—they said they knew not a grosser—tarred him feather he would or not. "Things have come to a pretty *pitch*," quoth one of the husbands when women tar us to send us to Tartar-us. His wife meekly smiled at the joke. A few days after he was found dead. Verdict—death by slow poison. Should this poor persecuted victim now on her trial, manage to get a verdict of acquittal, she will want another husband. Enough! your generous heart responds. You will be there †

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But what has that to do with the recent event of London life, the production of Wilkie Collins's "Dead Secret" last night at the Lyceum? Everything. They're all failures. What think you, Sir, of an old haunted castle with sliding panels, thunder and lightning, blue fire, a flaccid moon struggling through an oriel window and a ghost in white? Original? And as dark scene succeeded dark scene, and the subdued fiddling got subdueder, and the lights downier, and the tremolo stop Miss Bateman (Mrs. Crowe) had turned on, for the piece became agitateder and agitatederer at each tatertater* with Richardson's ghost and the closing screech of each scene more piercingly screechy, I expected as final tableau to find myself in the small hours alone in the dark with a scream. Providentially there were only four acts and a prologue the whole plot—what there is—being obligingly told within twenty minutes of the rise of the curtain. Irving's away starring; but this even did not reconcile me to the unalloyed Bateman infliction. The last half dozen scenes or so, by the way, treat us to her as a paralytic Madame Vine. Her last shriek was received with undisguised satisfaction by a crowded house, and by no section of it with more unalloyed delight than the poor critics amongst whom was the evergreen Planché looking slightly careworn since his recent marriage. On reflection I have come to the conclusion that the parsimonious manageress accepted this piece on account of the saving in gas so many dark scenes necessarily entail, besides not shewing up the costumes, upholstery, &c. During the revival of Richard III at this house, a carpet originally worth about £60 but probably picked up *en tournèe* for 10 with a large corner gnawed off by rats, made its appearance first as a carpet, then as a curtain, and finally with its ends tucked up as a table cloth. One of the scenes of this Miss Stick drama bore the fearful title "The Misanthrope's Retreat at Wormwood Scrubbs."

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Of course, I've been sedulously going the rounds of the theatres since my arrival in London "After Dark" transplanted from the Princesses to the Adelphi, is capitally mounted and acted especially by Sam Emery, J. G. Shore and Harry Jackson as Old Tom, Chumley and Dicey respectively,—particularly the latter F. B. Chatterton is courteous as ever, and Father Anson as jolly as ditto; but it's a dreadful house for seeing and for feeling. Instead of as at the Gaiety being able to tell the hybrid waiter who officiates as box attendant to go to the *deuce, Sir*, you have to give him a *douceur*. By-the-bye at that establishment the men alluded to are pretty girls—a great improvement in the old man's idea "The Great Mackney" sings about a dozen encores in the Music Hall Scene. "Touchstone or the New Era," which title Chatterton is legally entitled to use after Ledger's unsuccessful action, is reduced to 4d, which can surely be *a 4dd·* (a fourdeed) by all. † F. B. C. also takes occasion in his programme to vindicate the malmanagement of the Dramatic College and extol the system by which 12 immured victims receive its shelter, and 11*s*. a week each at the cost of so many thousands of pounds.

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'The Treasures of the Deep" at the Pavilion, Whitechapel, is a melodrama of the good old sort with go d situations (each one worth three hundred a year), construction, stupid dialogue and a thrilling climax to each act—nay, each scene. And wistfully do the sons and daughters of Levi, Aaron, Moses, *et hoc genus omne* watch the *acts climb* to their *climax*. The bottom of the sea was one of the incidental scenes in which the hero who had sworn to rescue the will in the tin box in the pocket of the *drown'dead* man which would restore the estates from the old miser to that artless gyurl" "aye, even from the bottom of yon ocean," put in an appearance boots first from the flys ‡ and descending by a rope turned

* House of correction, we suppose O.L.L. means, as his sentence is left unfinished.—ED.

† Or thereabouts.—ED.

* Tête-à-tête ?—ED.

† What *does* the poor man mean ?—ED.

‡ This is the name for the part of the stage next the roof.—ED.

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over the corpses and other "treasures of the deep" till he found the body he wanted and was hauled up again into the boat overhead on the surface of the sea. He did not commit the solecism of making long speeches during his search. "David Garrick" terminated, but my feelings were too harrowed with the above events and the fried fish in the dress circle combined with stale tobacco and "ole cloes."

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"Orphée aux Enfers" at The Alhambra is splenderifous in costume, gorgeous in scenery, deafening in band—in fact has all the attributes of a perfect opera. The gas arrangements, mechanism, properties, paint and glue pots—all put to the best use. Stay, there was one slight defect which it seems almost hypercritical to mention:—they'd forgotten the acting and singing; but this is venial in an opera; where the management is naturally too much occupied with the workmen. *En revanche* there were bevies of lovely maidens, a hundred of whom could have been more partially covered with the cuttings up of one of Aunt Jane's gowns. A very pretty, but incomprehensible *ballet d'action* only slightly prigged from Faust terminated.

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I was passing the old "Echo" newspaper offices the other day. They have not found a tenant since Baron Grant got into difficulties and had to sell it. How he must curse the day that he was ever so ill advised as to give the public Leicester Square. If it hadn't been for that his enemies would never have downed on him—might have even forgiven his bribing Kidderminster election. And then he lost his action with The World newspaper, and the poor Times' City Article monger got the sack" for being pecuniarily influenced by him to crack up the numerous companies he, in his universal benevolence, was promoting, and now is in the middle of a sea of actions.

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The three Detectives take it coolly. Meichlejohn is giving and taking odds in hundreds as to his conviction. Kerr's been enjoying the humours of the witness box and the compliments of Sir James. They don't expect the magisterial enquiry to terminate much before Christmas. In case of conviction—which is thought improbable—fifteen years for the above worthy and ten for his two friends—is considered the probable sentence. The barristers lose their tempers Thursday, Friday and Saturday (the three days the trial is relegated to each week) and waste the time of the court *more suo*.

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There seems a hitch about prosecuting Gambetta, but McMahon dare not retreat now. Whichever way the verdict goes it will do good to G.

On and after to-morrow no oysters may be caught between June the 14th and August the 4th, or lobsters at any time under 8 inches long from the tip of the beak to the tail.

The Turks are 'in it' and a cis-Danubean occupation seems unlikely this winter.

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"Look at the price of"—meat? no, *greens*. The vegetarians have had a meeting to protest against it and also to organise vegetarian Restaurants, Dining rooms, &c., all over London. The President with tears in his eyes said, he hadn't tasted a carrot for eight and forty hours—that they wished warfare with none, on the contrary the Peas was their cry; * but they must be combined in their action. Yes let every true vegetarian remember *Onion* is *strength*. As for their enemies he thought *small potatoes* of them. At the conclusion of his *sage* address he was presented with a watch (a turnip) warranted 18 carrots. This was regarded as a *hartichoke* and in this *cab-age* he drove off. There was not *mush room* for complaint in the proceedings.†

* War—peas?—ED.

† There is a great deal more in the MS. which in mercy to our readers we have eliminated.—ED.

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There is great depression in the Cotton Trade. *Wool* used to be depressed, now *Cotton* is *down*. Five hundred *mill* hands discharged at Bolton (pron. Bwoton)—food high priced—in fact they're very near to Nuneaton.

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Brigham Young is no more. I don't mean no more married, but none the less, dead. During his latter end he is said to have married. Three hundred and forty-seven and a half inconsolable widows* and two or three thousand orphans deplore his untimely loss. Had he lived long enough and in the immediately postdiluvian days he would doubtless have repopulated the world. It is reported that in his early days he was addicted to Miss Anne Thropy whom he afterwards turned over for Polly Gamy, and others as he wanted more money. The Salt Lake census-takers rejoice There's a chance for you, Sir—I see,—"in my mind's eye, Horatio," that noble dickey swelling—those fatherless children, them inconsolable widders* whose resources are no longer husbanded: there's a noble mission for a philanthropist!†

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Frightful railway accident in America. "Imitation is the sincerest flattery."

The "College of God's Gift" (and Man's Perversion) is getting it hot lately. To stupid people it seems rather sad that the magnificently endowed charity of the pious play actor should have been entirely wrested from those well-abused persons,—I beg pardon,—'things' for the benefit of lawyers, parsons and aristocratic lights o' love.

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There's a new paper of news, hight *The Referee*, edited by Pendragon. I have not been long enough in Town to discover this pseudonym; but it is doubtless that of a sporting man, as the paper is one of a sporting and theatrical character. Whether it will compete with *The Sportiag Times* is doubtful, to say the least, though the former has the best general—that is, not special—articles. Of the latter I am no judge neither being a bookmaker or a manager. Australian pugilism is also well to the fore with a rattling account of a spirited set to between, &c., &c., where each "came up smiling" in succession *non-obstant* "ivories" smashed, "claret" flowing, "landed on the snout," "postman's knock on the sinister optic," and all the rest of it. "Bow Churchyard Athletic Club" seems an omnibus title.

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In these days of newspapers you'll not be astonished to hear of a "Bicycling News," and such there is in York Street, Covent Garden, with live editors, and all the paraphernalia including a sale.

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Both the newspapers mentioned in my penultimate paragraph publish articles unfit even for you, Sir, to peruse, much less for the readers of *Charivari*. "The Beast in Absolution" is the title of one such leader. Wybrow Robertson isn't doing so well with "Truth" as he might. Labouchère's Alexander Henderson opens The Folly Theatre shortly? Don't you see the appropriateness? "You may well call this Stoney Stratford," remarked the inconsequential traveller, for I was never so bitten by bugs in the whole course of my life."

I am,

Dear Mr. Charivari,

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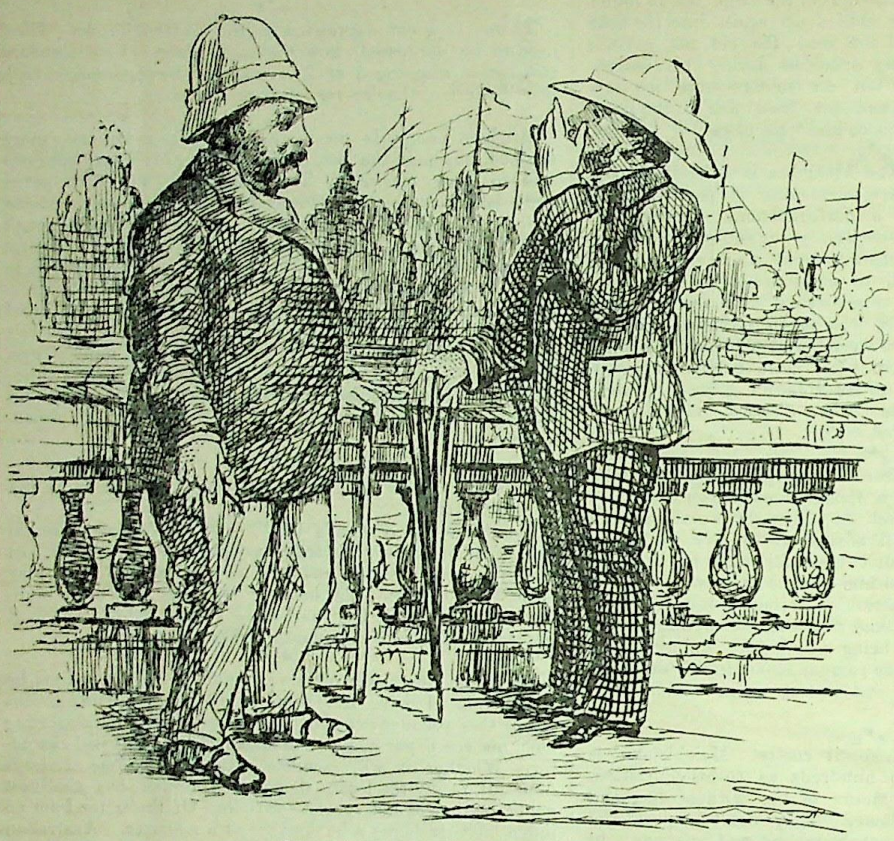
YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

* We wonder if it's a half widow that's inconsolable, and if so, which half; or a widow that's half-inconsolable that's meant.—ED.

† I hear they are *all* in immediate want of boots and stockings.—Y. L. L.

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ON SECRETARY'S WALK.

Jones (*shouting*) HOW IS YOUR GOOD LADY THIS MORNING?
Deaf Gouty Party. (*under a mistake*) OH DON'T MENTION IT; IT'S MORE THAN I CAN STAND.

A HARD CASE.

HIS Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is really to be pitied. A late case of Court-Martial has not only resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner, but unfortunately afforded no grounds for sending the sentence back for revision. It must be indeed a trying thing for His Excellency and a source of genuine disappointment, that a Court-Martial should take place without the opportunity to "approve and confirm" a three or five years' sentence. There is a pathos all its own, in the mournfully regretful ring of the sentence which commences Sir Frederick's remarks on the case. He says:—

"The sentence was confirmed with the following remarks by H. E. the Commander-in-Chief:—" The evidence of every one actually concerned in the affray which resulted in the wounding of Sheik Madar, is so contradictory and unworthy of reliance, that I am obliged to concur in the finding of the Court."

Never mind, Sir Frederick, you would'nt have concurred if you hadn't been obliged.

ONLY NATURAL.

That race sweeps should be most profitable to other sweeps. "Like turns to like, &c."

MY THREE HEAD CLERKS.

THE first he said, his wife was dead,
He was a sleek Eurasian.
And he asked for leave, for a week to grieve
With a wealth of glib persuasion.
At the end of a week, with a visage meek,
His *wife* appeared before me—
"My husband is ill," and her dark eyes fill,
For more leave she has come to implore me.
I went to the house of the loving spouse,
And there stretched out on the floor
With a bottle of gin, and a placid grin
He lay like the husbandman Noah.

In a very short space, I put in his place
A first class B.A. Bengali,
With hair cut close, bright boots and hose,
And his speech and appearance oily;
Now all goes well, till he writes to tell,
In a way that no guile betrayeth,
"For long life and health, prosperity, wealth,"
"Your petitioner ever prayeth."
"But I poor man and work how can"
"With a boil, Sir, as per margin,"
And I found from the note, he daily wrote
That the tumour was enlarging.

So I sent to learn, when to work he'd return,
His door was barred with a shutter,
And his neighbours said, that the Babu had fled
A week since on a trip to Calcutta.
He had left with a friend, a letter to send,
Every day till his frolic was over;
'Tis needless to say, I impounded his pay
And dispensed with that lively rover.

I took in his stead, ("for no more," I said,
"Will I have of your Aryan creatures,")
A Mussulman bold, with a turban of gold,
And with honesty stamped on his features.
His bearded face, every day at his place,
I saw in that office muggy;
And he still sat there, with a brow of care
When I drove away in my buggy.
On a day be it told, that Mussulman bold
Walked off with the utmost "nonchalance;"
And I sought in vain, with a heart of pain,
For a pice of the Government balance.
I grieve to relate, that a greedy state
In spite of expostulation
Demanded I should, at once make good,
The whole of the defalcation.

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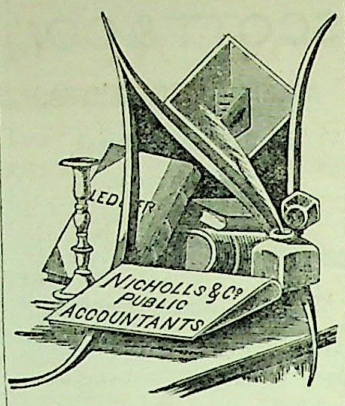
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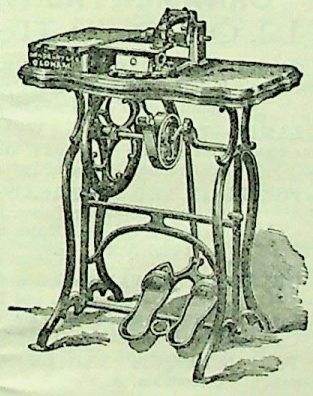
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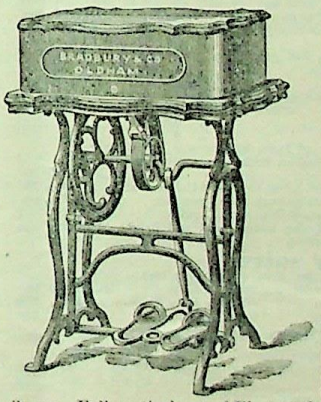
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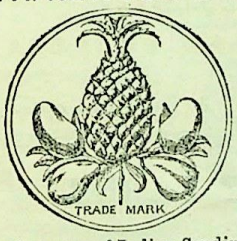
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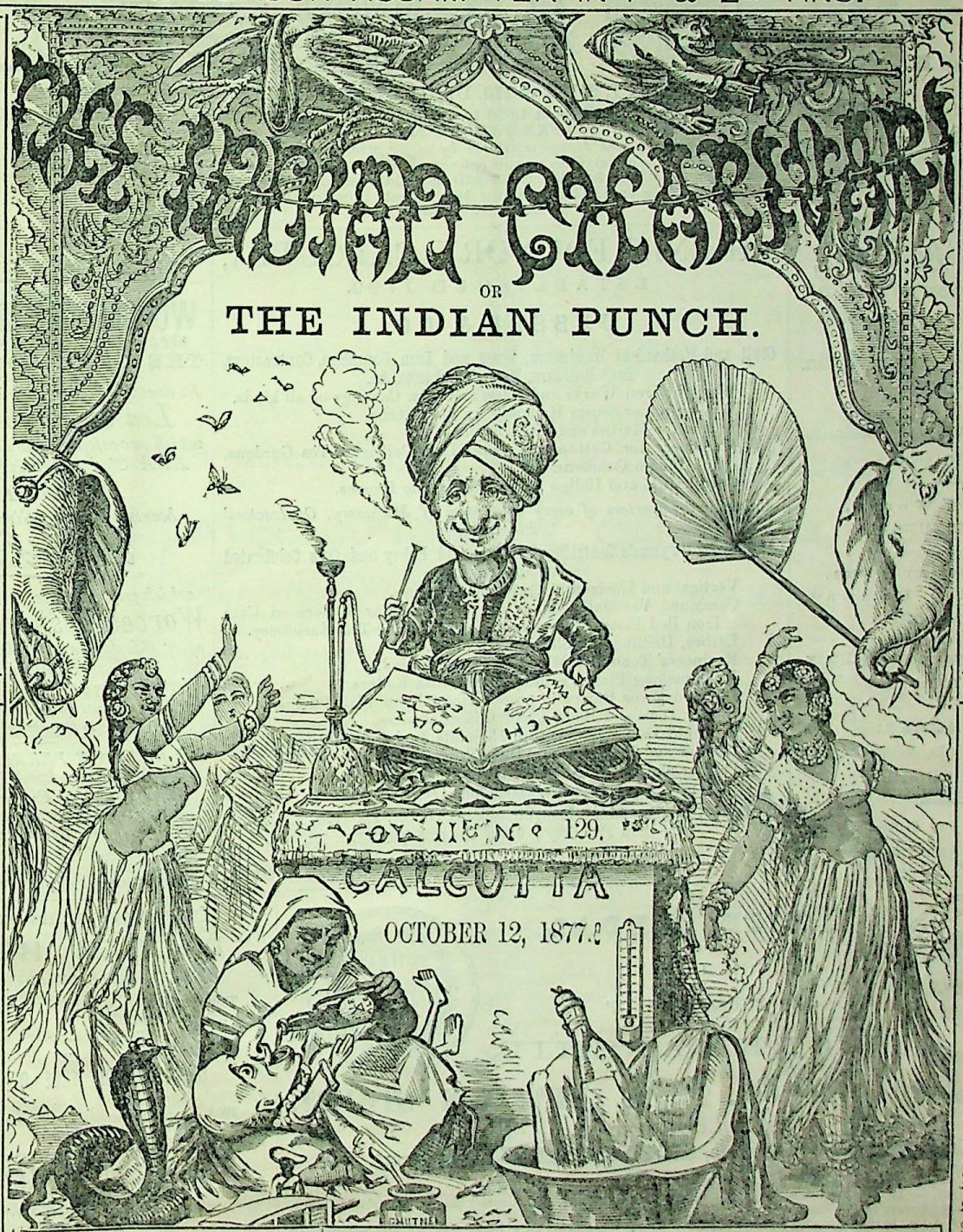
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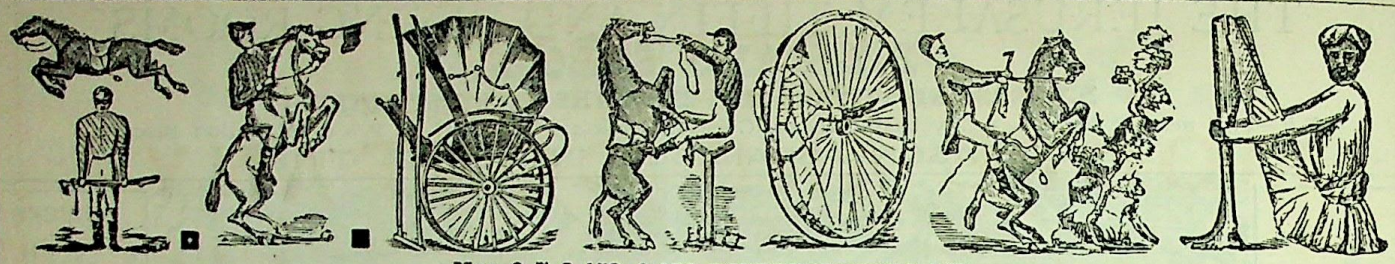
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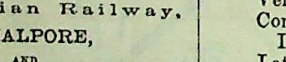
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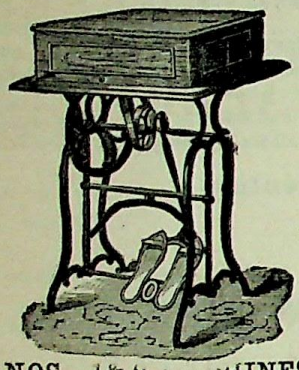
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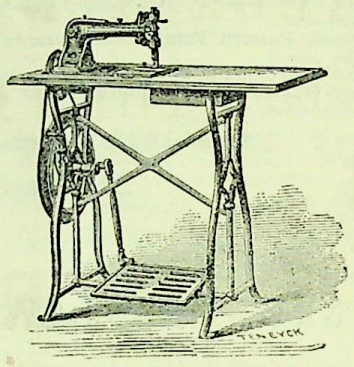
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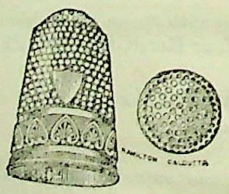
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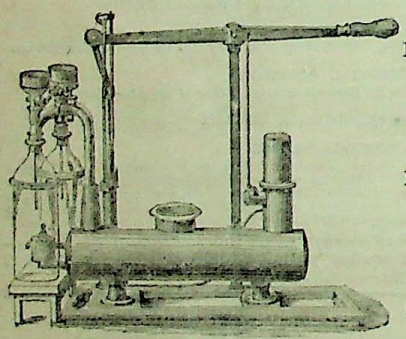
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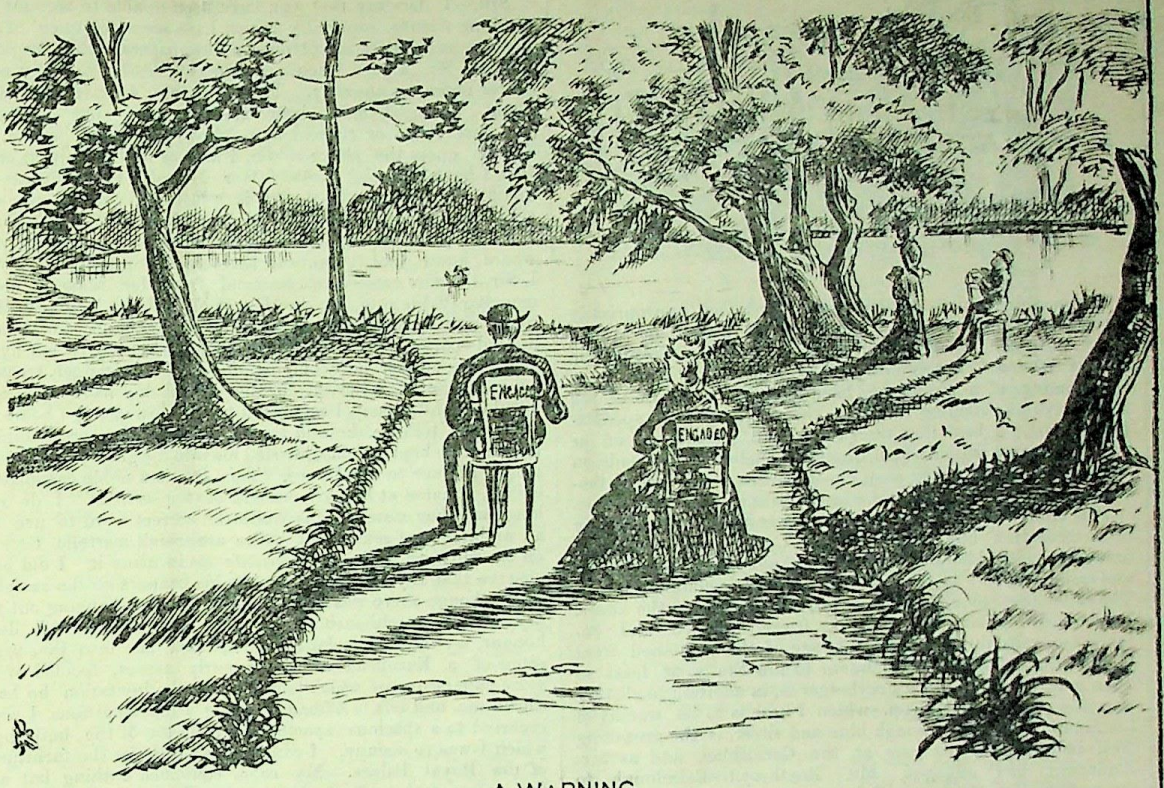
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That we are but to view,
Female charms in our forthcoming opera?
A union of voice,
With good looks for choice,
Would certainly seem to be properer.

But do we not know,
That voice without show,
Is apt on the forum to cry ill,
As the old Latin wrote,
For the words I now quote,
It is "vox et præterea nihil."

In the union of both
Sure no man would be loth
To come down with a yearly subscription;
But with either, alone,
We may think ourselves done,
In a manner that baffles description.

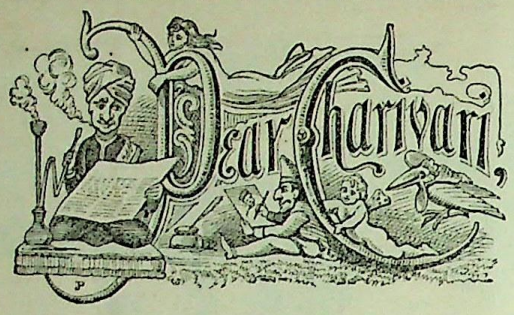
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"Music in the House" *by John Hullah.* "Music on the Roof" *by Tom Cat.*

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



By a ship which coming from Australia, appropriately carried horses, that when landed made a wide *horse trail here** between strand and stables. Wilson's Circus, the advent whereof I prophesied, has arrived. Doubts as to the coming of a circus had been rife, till the arrival of the Rolla with its rollaking freight in the river set all speculation at rest. I hear that their tents will be erected on or about the spot upon which Blondin's enclosure was made on the *maidan*, and we may soon expect to see the principal thoroughfares pervaded by band wagons, banners and equestrians.

It is rumoured that great things are being done in the way of redecoration and repairs at the "Corinthian." From an azure ceiling studded with silver stars chubby cherubs will lean, and smile welcome to the audience over battlements of clouds. The same hues, pale blue and silver, are to pervade the house, brightening pillar and capital, frieze, cornice and entablature, softening the velvety sweep of the cushioned front of the circle, and giving splendour to the Stalls, at least so I am assured, Sir. Herr Freyberger is, in addition to all this, painting a new act drop, which I hear is to be worthy of his fame. So things, though blue and silver, is the prevailing tint, look *couleur de rose* at the Corinthian, and as Mr. Anderson has engaged Mr. Boothroyd Fairclough to strengthen his company, Calcutta may expect a brilliant theatrical season.

Meanwhile the "Minstrel Boy" has been steadily playing on at the Chowringhee house; and, having taken time by the forelock, will be almost ready, before the first counter attraction opens, to seek

"Fresh fields and pastures new;"

Though I observe he takes a benefit before he leaves, and I wish him success, Sir; yes in spite of his scornful rejection of a touching little ditty of my own which I wanted him to sing. It was a love song, Sir, addressed to a fair, but false, poultry maid, whose charms had touched my too susceptible heart, and commenced as nearly as I can remember:—

Maid that hath hens e'er we part.

It was a sweet thing, Sir, but the Cork Asian declined it. Well, the loss was his. During the past fortnight his company have been taking benefits, and have had on the whole a large amount of patronage and support from the good people of "the ditch,"—a-*ditch*-an-all support we might call it, Sir.

I hear from my friend, who supplied me with the fragment of the Greek drama—"The Sale of the Shell,"—that he has discovered some other scenes of more than ordinary interest, evidently parts of the same play, and having translated them he intends to send them direct to you.

Epitaph for M. Thiers.

Thiers lies here, and o'er his funeral bier
Let each true Frenchman shed a parting tear.

* Horse trail here? Australia? Our representative's Cockney extraction peeps out in this pun.—Ed.

FROM OUR YOUNG MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Sir,—I dare say that you have been unable to account for my long silence, especially as you have seen no notice of my death—universally regretted—in the papers. But for some months, Sir, I have been, what may be called for want of a better name, an anomaly. That is, though I have not been about town, I have been neither in or out of town, but just there or thereabouts. Now, as you will never be able to guess the above riddle, I may as well explain at once that I have been the guest of Her Majesty the Empress of India. You may smile, but it is a fact. If you had ever received an invitation to dine with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, or to pay her a visit at Osborne or Balmoral, you would know that it comes in the shape of a command. So, I, Sir, likewise received a command from Her Majesty commencing "Victoria, by the Grace of God, &c.," to visit Her representative at Her Palace, No. 1, Chowringhee, for an unlimited period. The invitation was presented to me by a gentleman of very dark complexion, who, as a stranger, treated me with great familiarity, for he placed his hand upon my shoulder, and though I requested to be allowed to go home to adjust my toilette, he said that Her Majesty's representative must not be kept waiting, hurried me into his gharry, and drove me off at once to the Palace. This, Sir, is a noble castellated edifice, situated at the Alipore end of the *maidan*. I do not know whether castellated is quite the correct word to use in an architectural sense, but there are small martello towers on the outward walls, which justify me in using it. I did not observe that any one had hung out his banners on the ancient walls, though there was a good deal of linen hanging out to dry in the neighbourhood. I was received with all due honour, my sable attendant accompanied me into the presence of a European of rather surly aspect, handed over some papers, one of which looked like the invitation he had shown me, and left. After answering a few questions, I was escorted to a spacious apartment at the top of the building, which I was to occupy. I cannot say much for the furniture of the Royal Palace. My room contained nothing but an iron cot, a stool, and a broken chair. I was informed that I had better send for my own bedding and clothes, which I did. To make a long story short, Sir, I was in No. 1 for debt. And as a place to pass the hot weather and rains in, I have been in many worse places than No. 1. The view is one of the best in Calcutta, and with a good race glass I can almost fancy that I hear the chaff of the old fogies at the race stand in the morning. The diet is plain and wholesome, but the allowance of drink was rather too limited for a gentleman of my bibulous habits, and the lights had to be put out too early at night. For any one wishing a quiet and healthy place to spend the pujas in, I can honestly recommend the top floor of No. 1 Chowringhee. The only nuisance about the place is the number of Armenian visitors, who are now, just what they were described to be years ago by poor Pips,

"As noisy and cheeky as Calcutta crows."

But once more I am free, and I find it is quite time that I was about again taking notes. I hear of persons having misconducted themselves on all sides, safe from the supervision of my all-seeing eye. One of our elected representatives has committed perjury; two brokers have fought in public; two ships' surveyors have done ditto; and now I hear that two Doctors have disagreed. This must all have been due to my absence. By your next number I may have heard of some more Calcutta atrocities.

Gup.

To oblige Benson.—The applause elicited by that ingenuous convict when under cross-examination.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

By D. I. S. Content, Esq.

In my "walks abroad," which I need not say are extended throughout this city, here, there, and everywhere, I occasionally come across scenes and adventures, which would not only make the proverbial cat laugh, but send the most serious Quaker into fits. Dr. Johnson said a man never looked so helpless as when he had a fiddle in his hand which he could not play. Now, at the time when he made this assertion, I am sure the Doctor had never seen a Baboo on horseback; but I have; and so did a select party of horsey professionals, including that smart and well set up soldier, the riding-master of His Excellency's body-guard, at the yards of Messrs. Cook & Co., a few days since.

"By—jimminy!" said that gentleman giving his leg a smart cut with his whip—only he didn't say jimminy—"I wish we had the President of the Trades, and the fifth Judge of the Small Cause Court also here, on horse-back. Look, look! he's trying to pull all the hair out of the horse's mane. Take my advice, Sir; get inside and draw down the blinds." I have "assisted," as our French brethren say, at many a circus, and seen the clinging struggles of the immortal Mr. William Button, tailor, *a cheval*, when riding to Brentford; but no, Sir, never, never in my experience have I seen such a grotesque bundle of helplessness and utter imbecility as the gentleman in question, on this occasion presented. He had been advised, not to attempt to ride an uncertain buck-jumping waler; but no, the brandy and water bravado was too strong, and so we had an equestrian scene, which set us roaring with laughter. For ten minutes did the Australian quadruped, first stand on his fore-legs, then on his hind-legs, arch his back, kick, plunge, rear, jump, rush into stalls where other horses were, try to grind the rider's legs against the pillars, but still the Baboo stuck on, holding fast by his mane, then, his tail, now all but off, then on again, swaying, first on one side, then on the other, until at last, the horse started up the ride at a gallop, and suddenly stopping short, shot his stout rider a yard or so over his head, luckily on a heap of manure, upon which our friend seated himself, utterly dazed and disordered, with his clothes torn and *minus* his smart tasselled cap. My impression is, that he saw just then innumerable fireworks and snakes, at least such was my own experience some years ago under a similar performance in the hunting field at home. However, after a minute or two he rose, apparently not much the worse, from his place of deposit, and walked off somewhat crest-fallen; and now for our moral. The Baboo attempted too much, like some others amongst us—the *Editor of the Statesman* for instance—in trying to persuade us that Russia is not an aggressive power; or the Lieutenant-Governor, in trying to get an undermanned pilot service, to do a vast amount of extra work with safety to the ships in its charge; or the agent of the East Indian Railway trying to bring down all the grain lying at their up-country stations with an insufficiency of waggons; or the organist of the Cathedral trying to play without the assistance of his bellows-blower; or Dave Carson trying to make us laugh without his wig and black face; or Mr. J. B. Roberts trying to make a speech without using the personal pronoun I in every other sentence; or sundry amateur tenors trying to sing without voices; or you, Sir, trying to make your paper a success, without the highly paid and efficient staff you control; or a convivial fellow trying to light his lamp with the corkscrew; or the Manager of the Corinthian Theatre trying to fill his house without advertising; or Baron Reuter trying to make us believe his war telegrams; or a man trying to carve a joint with a spoon; or any one trying to set the Hooghly on fire with native energy; or a doctor, called out of church, trying to make any one believe it *bona fide*; or in fact any body trying to live in this world without friends or means. Thank you, Baboo, for suggesting these Philosophical and happy thoughts.

"APPEARS" OR "IS."

"To be or not to be," we know's the question,
But that was in the time long passed away,
Our papers now put forth for our digestion,
Whether "appears" or "is" we ought to say.

Foul tanks, we know, are foul abominations,
From which the seeds of cholera are spread,
Though natives love them, for their generations
Through ages round them have been born and bred.

But modern science calls some tanks a nuisance,
For public weal they all must be filled up,
No matter what the right of ancient usance,
No native now shall on such horrors sup.

So it "appears" to our "collected wisdom"
That every tank throughout the town is foul,
And notes to this effect, with all due system,
Were served 'gainst good and bad tanks, cheek by jowl.

"What ho! a lie" exclaims one scribe indignant,
"For what "appears" must surely have been seen,
"It looks as if the notice was malignant,
"When to the tanks no Justices have been.

"Truth should prevail, though cholera may riot
"Though all Calcutta, in such foul tanks born,
"Our health authority should have kept quiet.
"Unless to each tank's foulness he'd be sworn.

"And then the notice should have been more certain,
"Your tank "is" foul, 'twould truthfully have said,
"Come quickly, o'er its foulness drop a curtain,
"Before the people round it all are dead."

Full many a life has perished through word quibbling,
In days when law not justice did prevail,
So let us hope that such d—d stupid scribbling,
'Gainst good intentions will not much avail.

Concise Criticisms.

On the latest novels.

Under a charm.—Very much under.
A constant heart.—Should be "a constant hurt"
Touch and go.—Advice gratis. Go without touching it.
Glory—All the glory is in the binding.
Merry and grave.—More of the grave than merry.
Won.—A regular one-er.

NEW PAPER.

We see Simla is to have a new literary organ bearing the sounding title the *Indian Empire*. We hope that our promised contemporary may speedily pass through its announced stages of single, double, and treble weakliness and blossom at an early date into a full blown daily.

Victor Hugo's new work is to be called "*Histoire d'un Crime; Deposition d'un temoin.*" It is supposed to be founded on Benson's depositions in the detective case.

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TASTE !!!

Young lady within has just sung something very sweetly. Old Judge Brown in the verandah, full of admiration of his daughter's talent, to Baboo fresh from office.

J.B.—Well Baboo, what do you think of that for singing and playing?

B B—Your Honor. It is pleasant to the ear. But Sir, I do come from Kalkotta. There have I heard Bengalee make music with the Chitarre, whilst Bengalee Miss sing same time with graceful demonstrations.

"A SWEET BOON."

To that class of his fellow subjects, who in their ignorance refuse to believe in the excellence of the Native Magistrate, his special insight, etc., *Charivari* commends the following paragraph from the *Indian Daily News* of the 3rd instant :—

Heavy Arrears in the Court of the Magistrate of the Northern Division.—It would appear that Moulvie Abdool Luteef, Khan Bahadoor, has left his successor a much larger legacy of arrear work than our local paragraph of yesterday mentioned. The case-books have been completely scrutinized, and the result is that there are no fewer than 74 adjourned summons cases and 249 pending cases. In consequence of this heavy arrear, Mr. Dickens, besides arranging to sit during the whole of the holidays, has, with the view of expediting work, ordered that there should be no bench sittings for the next two months. With reference to the adjourned cases, to the majority of which the poor are parties, the Magistrate has very considerately ordered that no fee should be received for fresh subpœnas in such cases.

There you see things were going on under the man of "special insight" with dignified deliberation. No unseemly hurry, no indecent haste marred the proceedings in the court for the Northern Division, till this bustling fussy European, Mr. Dickens—what the dickens does he mean?—pokes his nose into the proceedings, and lo you! haste, actual despatch of work and bringing up of arrears, and—was ever anything more ridiculous and unusual? unfeed subpœnas.—Ichabod.

DACCA LOGIC.

Dim Dacca's dreary drone, our contemporary *The Bengal Times* has the following exquisite piece of logic, *apropos* of the Janokey Nath Roy's perjury case.

"There are many who, notwithstanding the verdict of the High Court, do not believe him guilty. The prosecution carried on their case with unparalleled vigour, yet the charge of forgery fell to the ground. There was then the charge of perjury. But what was the motive of the perjury if there was no forgery? Mr. Justice Pitt-Kennedy felt the difficulty, and in his address to the prisoner admitted that he did not know for what purpose the false statement was made. *So there was no motive for perjury, and perjury without a motive is no perjury at all.*"

Would this reasoning apply to Murder without a motive as well, we wonder?

"Shakespeare Right Again."

So writes a correspondent, and he attempts to prove it as follows :—

"The omniscient Shakespeare must have foreseen the late collapse in the Russian campaign in Turkey, when he coined the expression 'shovelled off this mortal coil.' How many Russians have lost their lives for want of shovels?"

Just so; though we always thought that Shakespeare said "shuffled," but the Divine Williams, no doubt, meant "shovelled."

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THE SALE OF THE SHELL.

Charivari has had forwarded to him other fragments of this old drama, a scene from which a correspondent sent to him some little time back. Though incomplete, portions of the original manuscript being lost, the story can yet be pretty well gleaned from a careful perusal of what is still extant. *Charivari* however does not intend to reproduce the whole of the fragments at his disposal, but simply to give *in extenso* the opinion of the legal authority to whom the Corinthian people submitted the case for consideration.

Aristarchus, J—This is a case arising out of the sale of a shell in the lottery on the great chariot race at the recent Olympian games.

I find that by the terms of the contract between the manager and supporters of this venture, he, the manager, was bound to send to the drawers of certain favourite chariots swift messengers to apprise them of their good fortune. This, it is admitted, he failed to do, in the case of one Nicsiral who drew the shell for Ilvios' chariot, which chariot was in fact the most highly favored of all and did subsequently win the race.

The plea put forward by the manager is, that he sent the news to another person with directions to seek out Nicsiral, and inform him of his good fortune. At the same time this person was empowered to offer certain monies to Nicsiral for the shell, and, says the manager:—"I quite jumped at the idea that I could make sure of the news of the drawers good luck being carried to him."

Here it appears to me the manager is plainly and gravely at fault, his duty was, in the first place, to make sure of the news of drawer's good luck being carried to him, by employing the swift messengers provided by the state to go directly to him. In that case his contract would have been fulfilled, and Nicsiral would, being in possession of the news from the proper source, have been in a condition to treat coolly and with deliberation any offers that might be made to him for the shell. Here on the contrary the purchasers had all the benefit of a surprise on their side when making terms. For all this and for much consequent loss the manager must be held in great measure responsible. He neglected his duty and "jumped at an idea." Still for these faults, had they been ingenuously owned, mitigation might have been pleaded, but the manager hath defended his course of action in a statement which for its effrontery has, perhaps, rarely been equalled.

Having been proved guilty of gross negligence, he impudently declares himself free from the charge, and has had the additional turpitude to tell those who have suffered heavy loss through him, that they have only themselves to blame.

With reference to the statement made by the go-between in the matter of the purchase "which was appended to the manager's defence, it is an unfortunate circumstance for him that he put forth that document at all, most of its statements, made positively as from personal knowledge, have been proved false, and the inditer has admitted that he only had the authority of the person most interested in there being believed for advancing them.

It might be an inquiry not devoid of instruction perhaps to enquire *why* this person is so anxious to bolster up and vouch for the good faith and integrity of the individual who speculated so profitably on Nicsiral's luck and the manager's neglect, but that question is only incidentally before the court, and cannot influence the main question at issue. The manager has after a fair trial been found guilty of breach of contract, contumacy and insolence, and of thus bringing the lotteries into disrepute and causing men to look on them with distrust.—*Judgment reserved.*

A French Edition of Captain Burnaby's "Ride to Khiva" is soon to be published with the title "Qui va la."

ROYAL BOUNTY.

Charivari observes that the Empress of India's contribution of five hundred pounds to the Indian Famine Relief Fund is considered by Dr. Duff to be too small, and that gentleman, according to "Ruffler" of *Vanity Fair*, has publicly stated his convictions on the subject. With Ruffler's remarks about the good taste displayed by the reverend monitor of Royalty in thus openly expressing himself, *Charivari* perfectly agrees. Nothing could be more grossly impudent, or more thoroughly consistent with the character of the man. Further, taste and feeling apart, *Charivari* considers that in comparison with the charities Her Imperial Majesty dispenses on other occasions, it is, even for so terrible an emergency, sufficiently large, and from a sorereign who, with a wise forethought and a provident appreciation of contingencies, has determined to build up a large private fortune, perhaps extravagantly liberal.

IN THE DAK GHARI.

My leave is up, the time has sped,
The six short weeks how quickly fled!
My *tat's* equipped, good-byes are said
And my hand the bridle seizes.
Down the steep rocky path I ride;
Dinner Dâk Bung'low hens provide;
My bed the rough Dâk Ghari inside.—
Ah! farewell to the mountain breezes.

Away! We cross the dank Terai,
Clear are the stars that dot the sky!
A miniature star, each bright firefly,
In the trees by the road-side gleaming.
My pipe is out, my eyelids close,
Through ceaseless jolts I fitful doze,
But who on earth can gain repose,
While that coachman's horse is screaming?

To scenes I've left my thoughts will flow
The daily ride the evening row,
Upon the lake where dark hills throw,
Their shadows, the sunset screening.
How fair, how bright she looked last night,
As through the dance in snowy white
She glanced, and in the dim soft light
Looked love, in the balcony leaning.

Ah! pleasant time, so quickly fled,
Ah! sweet, fair face! Ah dainty head,
Ah cruel luck my steps that led
From her side where I fain had tarried.
Awake! the morning sun doth shine;
Hurrah for life in the old free line!
Another week what fate were mine?
Good heavens! Engaged to be married.

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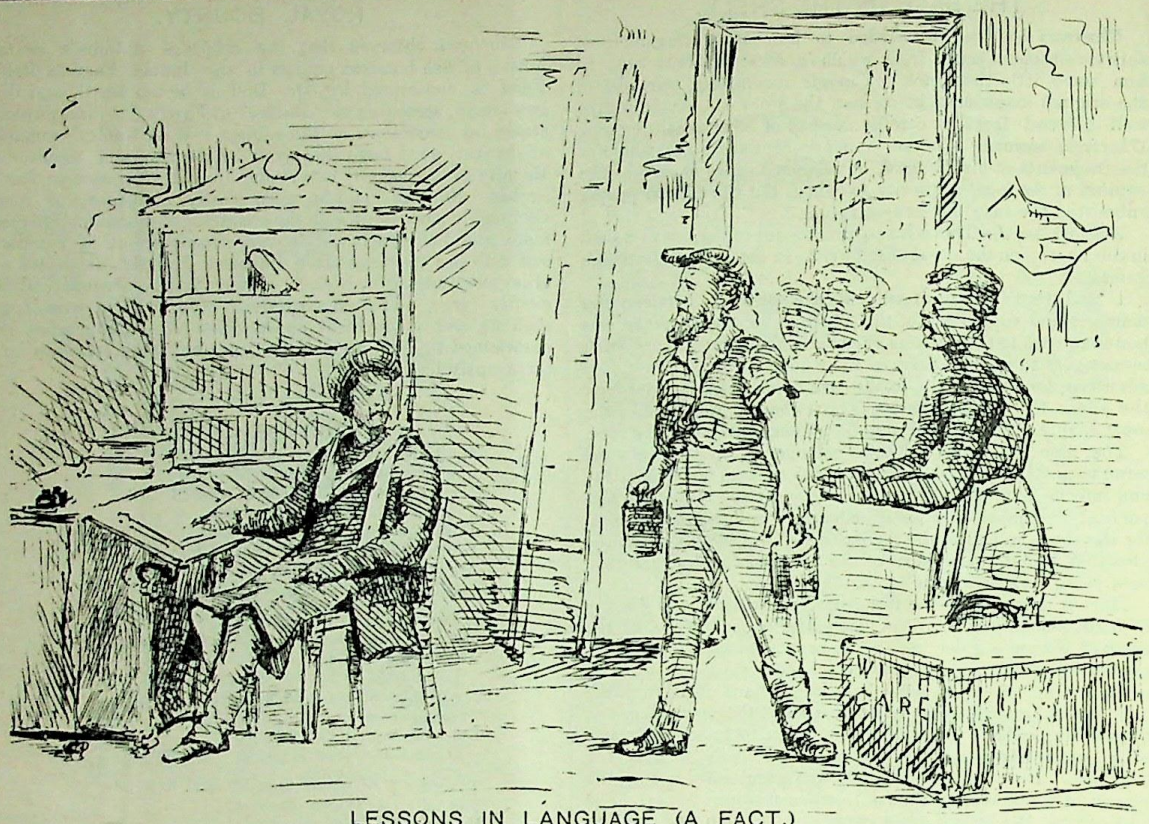
Charivari observes that Major W. A. Ross, late of the Royal Artillery, has been denied by the Horse Guards the Honorary title of Lieutenant-Colonel, which appears by all rules of the service to belong to him. Should the authorities persist in spite of his remonstrance in declining "to re-open the matter" *Charivari* advises the gallant officer to add to the title he intends to assume the appellation Rossdhu (Ross's due) as a delicate assertion of his undoubted right to wear it.

Measure for Measure.

Professor Galton, lecturing on Anthropology at the late meeting of the Royal Society, said that the calibre of all men's minds might be as accurately measured as their height. Just so; the foolometer is an old invention. The difficulty has always been as to who is to hold the scales.

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LESSONS IN LANGUAGE (A FACT.)

Excited Furnaceman from North of the Tweed, who has been vainly endeavouring to make the native storekeeper understand that he wants some Gunpowder for blasting purposes, applies for information to the Head Baboo.—Mon! Mon! What do ye ca' pouther!

Office Baboo (with dignity) I should call it powder Sir.

Excited Furnaceman.—To the de'il wi' ye; I ken that as well as yersell; I want the Eenerstarni name.—(*Exit in disgust.*)

JOHN TO JONATHON.

Now Jonathon, be generous and open wide your hand,
And let India's starving peoples of your bounty get a share,
They are dying in their myriads throughout the thirsty land
For the hungry and homeless you can surely something spare.

But if you can do nothing else their misery to aid
You might, without much effort, as their benefactor shine,
If from your treasured millions you to them a present made
Of the Alabama surplus. The dollars that were mine.

Horse Racing, Extraordinary.

How is it, *Charivari* wishes to know, that while Calcutta Races apparently only attract such ordinary cattle, more favored Dehra can boast of Horses of such wondrous speed as *Fleur de lis, Gazelle,* and *Silvermane*? These three horses, we read in a contemporary's sporting columns, came in first, second, and third, in a race of three and a quarter miles run in one minute and thirty seconds, and this our contemporary speaks of as a "Galloway race." Galloway race indeed.

"Sure never did such wondrous steeds
Drink of an earthly stream"

before this date. When are they coming? When shall we see them? What a sight such racing will be! And oh my sporting friends what horses to back!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Our Imperial Museum, if it does not do much to instruct us in its own special locality, spreads its fame grandly in other countries. Mr. Wood-Mason, our Curator, has carried the name and fame of our museum to London, and at a late meeting of the Entomological Society exhibited, we quote the report, "a beautiful drawing of *Mygale Stridulans* a large stridulating spider in a stridulating attitude." We propose to send home for exhibition a genuine Calcutta specimen of *Mygale stridens* such as may be found most nights in the lock-up of the Calcutta police offices. But entomology must be a truly interesting science to those who have plenty of time to devote to the study of long names. What show can the Colorado Beetle make against his latest rival from Java, the *Himantopterus Fascinervis?* From his very name we thought this insect must be a doubtful character, and we find that in 1836 he was first classed as lepidopterous, then he was transferred to the neuroptera, but modern science has classed him as "truly lepidopterous." A hopper, no doubt; some persons call him a much shorter name—flea.

Manchester Markets.

Clerical Sedition—Looking up (after dinner).
Bumptiousness—Buoyant.
Bunkum—(Brights patent) supply and demand brisk.

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A SUGGESTION.

JOHN (to Jonathon).—COME NOW, I'VE NEVER ASKED YOU FOR THOSE SURPLUS DOLLARS *JONATHON.* DON'T WANT THEM, AND YOU DON'T WANT THEM, BUT HERE'S A CASE OF REAL DISTRESS. *GIVE THEM TO HER.*

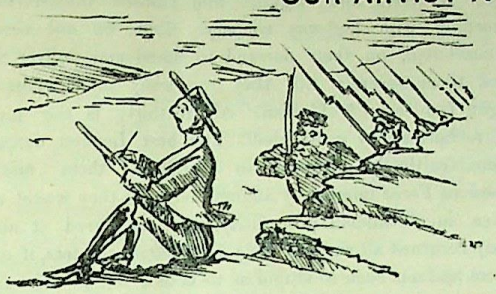
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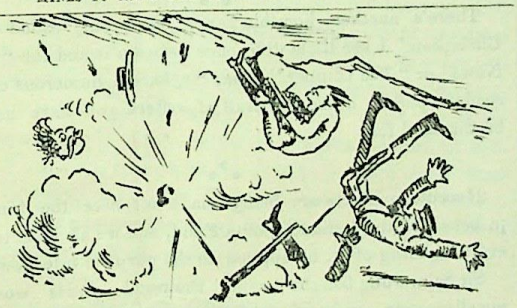
OUR ARTIST AT THE SEAT OF WAR.



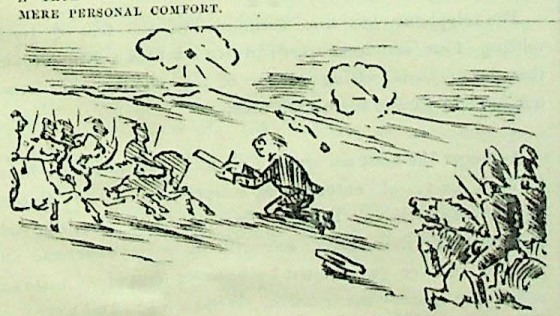
1.—Our Artist visits the seat of war, and soon finds an eligible opportunity for taking a sketch



2.—Undeterred by a few trifling interruptions, he determines to hand the scene down to posterity;



3.—And though he presently begins to suspect that his position is not altogether so pleasant as it might be, he holds that a true artist should be superior to all considerations of mere personal comfort.



4.—Charmed with the animation of the prospect in front, he cares not for what may be behind



5.—And finally makes his way back to camp with an airy and buoyant step which sufficiently indicates his satisfaction with his day's work.

DECENTRALIZATION.

Oh John, look dear! do look at the darling!
He's actually trying to walk.
Answered John, in a voice rough and snarling,
"Gracious heavens, Priscilla, don't talk."

Quickly raised she her baby in wonder,
John had never so spoken before;
All his brow is as threatening as thunder,
And his eyes o'er a document pore.

The new scheme of decentralization
Rendered needful, so ran the *Gazette*,
Departmental reorgniazation,
And strict bounds to expenditure set.

And they've cut down *my* pay, said John, dashing
With his clenched hand the paper away;
Then he rose with his eyes wildly flashing,
Crying out, "I will end this to-day."

Towards his room, like a madman, he started,
And closed he the portal behind;
In wild terror she after him darted,
And her ear to the key-hole inclined.

Was it pistols, or poison, or halter?
That would lose life's unbearable bonds!
"Oh Dear John," her ashy lips falter,
"Wait a moment," a gruff voice responds.

Soon he opens the door to her waiting,
And a paper he shows freshly signed,
"I have done what I've long been debating,"
"Do not fear, love, my post I've resigned."

It is better, than useless resistance,
To begin our life over again.
In a clime where life's more than existence,
If not wealth at least health we'll attain.

We will flee from a land where proved merit
Can no longer fair competence buy;
Sturdy health shall our children inherit,
Here they're born but to sicken and die.

Better life in a more humble station,
Where contentment may smile at our board,
Than slave on where not e'en palliation,
For discomfort our means can afford.

She replied by her arm round him throwing,
What to her if of fortune bereft?
Fate might take every gift worth bestowing,
While her child and her husband are left.

VERY MUCH ALIKE.

Mr. William Black announces for publication a new work called "Green Pastures and Piccadilly." This will soon be followed by another by Messrs. Crosse and Blackwell, called Green Pickles and Piccalli."

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OUR LONDON LETTER.



Since writing to you last, Monsieur Gambetta has been indulging at Lille in his version—which by the way was an animadversion—of the more or less, according to your personal politics, noble Marshal Macmahon. He also was not innocent of forgetting to send a verbatim copy of the said speech to one of the principal papers of which he is political leader writer. For these infamous proceedings he has been per- and pro-secuted by the Government. Heaven save the mark! The counsel that he engaged for his defence—he wishes now, most likely, that he'd kept his own had a careful stroke of paralysis just before the trial came off, and Monsieur *Allon*, to whom he next applied in his extremity, declined to undertake it at so short a notice. So it was nearly *all off*. G. under the circumstances did not appear, was fined, although not found, two thousand pounds, and a few months imprisonment. A peal of indignation has emanated from his friends, and from *him* appeal for a new trial, when monster and monstrous speeches are expected to be delivered on both sides. I understand the Marshall to be a rough, savage, bigoted, thick and wrong-headed martinet of great severity and unbridled obstinacy. This ferocious brute—an emanation of the old *régime*—is only ruled by——Well, guess! Bismarck? No, Russia? No, England? No; getting very cold. Who are you, great and expensive, that is to say Dear Sir, as you undoubtedly are, ruled by? Getting warmer? No. Why, his wife, of course. He only rules France and over the destinies of a few million Frenchmen, but she rules the ruler and the roast, and rules him straight, too. Ah! the petticoats! oh! *les jupons!* even I, Sir, the poor old man have *——but I digress.

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The Blackheath High, and very low, waymen have been caught. They turn out to have been a couple of journeymen bakers belonging to Portsmouth—or rather journeyboy bakers—as they're both under age; but, judging by their actions, considerably "more than seven." Their principal journeying was to the Heath of Black, where they preferred making their bread to manufacturing the staple for their masters' ovens, whom† they left on a holiday for London. At night, while their star was in the yeast, they emerged with revolvers and disguises, and amused themselves till morning with highway robbery. True, on one occasion, a coachman, on their demand to stand and deliver, whipped them severely till they ran away and offered to fight the twain * of them. About thirty is the number of robberies they committed. The best London detectives were fruitlessly employed in search of them and the resident Force immensely augmented; and they would never have, in all human probability, been discovered at all; as they returned all right to their Portsmouth masters, if one of them had not been so stupid as to take a five-pound note to the bank, the number of which had been stopped. At their lodgings they found one of the masters' cash-box, which had been for some time missing, revolvers, disguises and heaps of thieves' literature, such as Dick Turpin, Jack Shepperd, &c. There is no doubt that these lads had their minds inflamed by perusing the lives of these unworthies, and it is a pity that so much cheap, trashy and vicious publications should be allowed. They are committed for trial, and reserve their defence which will probably be an *alibi*. It speaks volumes for our police force, three of the dons of whom are still on their trial, that these youngsters should have entirely baffled all their efforts to trace them. Their fire-arms were never let off, but neither will *they* be, let's hope—their discharge not being necessary to prevent that of their owners.

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There's another horrible paper come out, called "The Champion." I see little difference between it and the "Police News" or "The Clipper." You, Sir, have a numerous class of readers and a humorous staff of writers, you have much to be thankful for.

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Herculean efforts are being made all over the kingdom in behalf of the Indian Famine Fund, and we all hope it will, every farthing of it, be applied to the purpose intended.

Sir Salar Jung bought twenty thousand pounds worth of jewellery—or supposed to be worth it—while in London at a place not very far "East of Temple Bar." The Indian House took ten per cent. Jolly.

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The telephone has now accomplished the feat of transmitting four hundred words in five minutes. I understand that the graph is getting jealous of the phone; the former will have to wire in more than ever.

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Amongst the most astounding theatrical news I have heard is of a party of entertainers advertising "The Entombed Welsh Miners' Tour." Two or three of these late hapless ones have been engaged by some energetic and spirited caterer (who must be entirely devoid of taste) to stump the country music halls. What next? And next?

* Here followed a most uninteresting and lengthy account of vulgar amours, which we have mercifully refrained from inflicting on our readers.—Ed.

† "Whom." Whom? The masters or the ovens, or both.—Ed.

* It seems he did Mark Twain of them.—Ed.

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Talking about cutting off entails, how would you like in India to have your cocktails cut off?* This at first sight seems a *non sequitur*.†

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France has just lost her greatest man in Thiers, and the more sensible of her inhabitants are in tears over the loss. Every Government sent condolences, *except his own*, which at his funeral was anything but over delegate. The species of speeches over his grave by Grevy, Jules Simon and the old Admiral Pot, was such that he himself would doubtless have liked to have heard. The Government filled Paris with soldiery with orders to fire into the crowds along the route of the *cortege* should their sympathies with the late great statesman and Monsieur Gambetta who formed one of the melancholy procession, take a practical form. Gambetta refrained from giving a funeral oration. I'm beginning to think I should like to be in a republic myself for a few years ‡

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You will be glad, but somewhat startled, to hear that Princess Beatrice, H.R.H., rode out yesterday with the Honourable Lady Lascelles and Miss Baner.§

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The trial of The Three Detectives still drags its weary length along, the only excitement being to see Montague Williams lose his temper, and be consequently bullied by Sir James and snubbed by the convict witnesses. Thursday, Friday and Saturday are set apart for their hearing, and we shall be lucky if this preliminary magisterial examination is over this year. In fact, I think, it *will* be over this year—into the next. Considerable astonishment was, however, produced by the sudden arrest of Chief Inspector Clarke, who is however, unlike the others, let out on bail. He had not much to do with it—in fact, is more of a dupe than anything else. The Froggatt, solicitor, now on trial with them is a brother of a late well-known *chef-d' orchestre*, an early chum of Y. L. L.'s ‖

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A gentleman found travelling second class with a third class ticket has attributed it to abstraction *of mind* consequent on being about to take a business. This was no business of the magistrate, who told him to *mind* his *abstraction for the future*, and impressed it on his memory by an involuntary abstraction of ten shillings fine and thirteen and sixpence costs for the present. The gentleman then gracefully retired, after apologising to the police for their trouble in fifteen different attitudes, mentally resolving for future to travel third class with a first class ticket.

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I think it a great pity that all the money subscribed to the Turkish Compassionate Fund cannot be transferred to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. If "charity begins at home" surely next to the mother country it should extent to our Indian Empire. What in the world have *we* to do with Turkey's wounded? I see the Bulgarians are giving them a return lesson in atrocities they never dreamed of; and now both sides appeal to the world's moral sympathy on account of each other's barbarous cruelty. Pah! their "offence is rank and smells to Heaven!"

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That horrible Penge trial begins, again on the 19th. Mrs. Staunton has improved the prison moment by twins—not of conscience. Every one is subpœnaed for this *cause celébre*.

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That popular Saint, Leger has again been run. Not the Editor of the *Era* though, doubtless, he is often. Silvio came in first and Lady Golightly, second. These animals are doing well, especially the former, who has made a mint of money this year.

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John Jackson—not to be confounded with Jack Johnson—succeeds the late highly lamented (?) Brigham Young. I don't know whether his wives and columbines also fall to his lot. B. Y. died from eating a heavy meal on a hot day. The heat and the eat together were too much for him.

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The Reverend (?) Lowder has been agoing of it. Pea-green satin vestments for his Protestant mass. Popular indignation is thereby excited. *Masses* do not suit *the masses*; but perhaps Lowder spells them, *them asses*.

Ewers now or never,*

Your London Lunatic.

P. S.—The Turk still fights like a Turk—putting his trust in the Koran, while the Russ prefers the Book of Numbers. I understand that after peace is restored that Running Matches will be instituted between the two belligerents—the ground to be either at Lille Viaduct or Lilly Bridge. 'Tis hard to say whom to back; though they're both good at backing *themselves*; of course there will be some heavy sherbetting on the Turks.

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The Licensed Victuallers of Great Britain are organising a "National" Defence Fund to oppose the closing of public houses on Sunday and other trade restrictions.

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It still seems very odd that two vessels at sea can't find room to pass each other after sighting each other for miles previously. Captains would make awfully bad Hansom cab drivers, and would be nowhere as Venetian gondoliers. And yet one hundred and eight lives have just been lost off Portland by a collision. And one had a pilot on board.

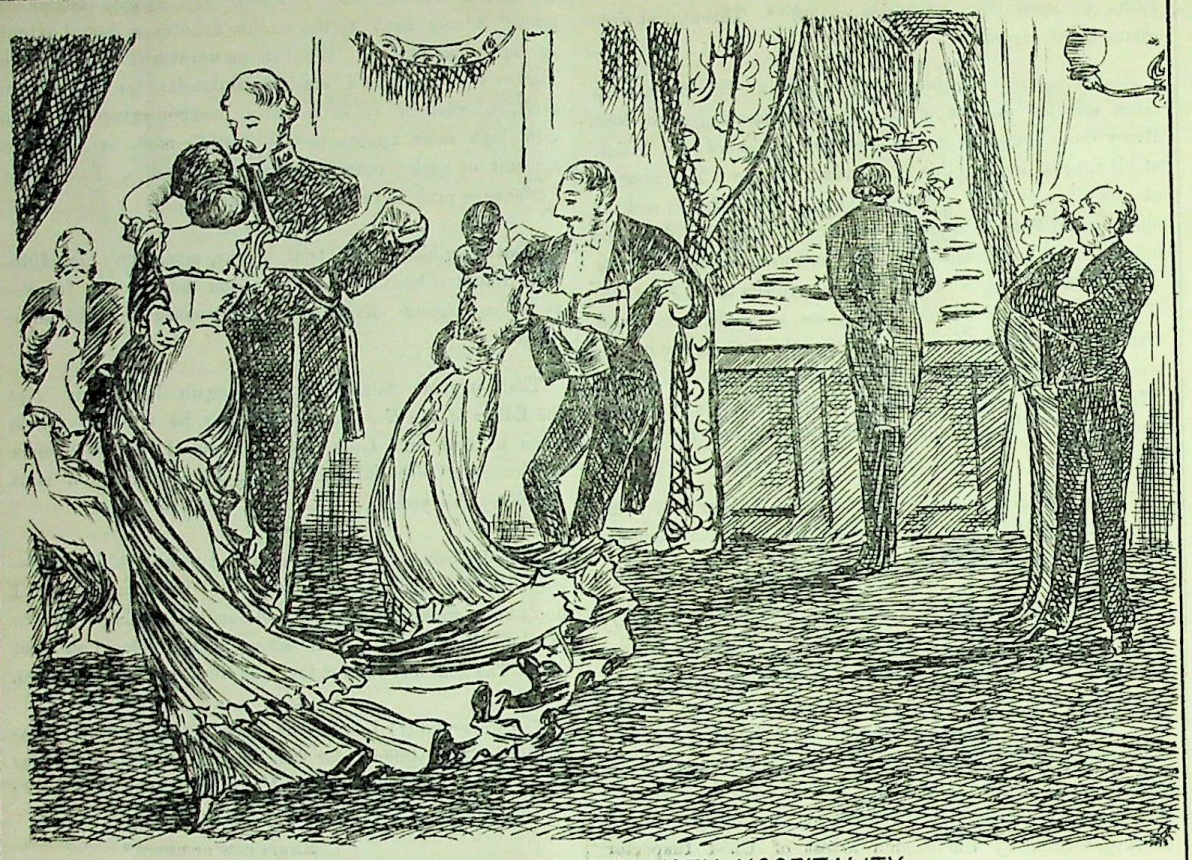
Y. L. L.

* Not at all. How would *you*? But we'll consult Andrews and telephone you.—Ed.
† And at second.—Ed.
‡ A 'public' (house) you mean, all your life.—Ed.
§ Not at all, either.—Ed.
‖ This is not a point in the solicitor's favor.—Ed.

* We prefer the latter.—Ed.

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HOW TO COMBINE ECONOMY WITH HOSPITALITY.

(Recommended to people with small means who are fond of giving large parties.)

In a long and narrow room place a well-supplied table of a size that will exactly fit into it, leaving perhaps three inches between itself and the walls. Your guests will thus have the satisfaction of knowing that there is a sumptuous repast provided, while you may indulge in the no less satisfactory reflection that they cannot get at it.

DELICATE COMPLIMENT.

Charivari culls the following for the edification of those who knew and loved our late L.-G.

"Sir R. Temple arrived at Ahmednuggur on Tuesday, and was to hold a *durbar* there on the following day. 'He was received,' we read, 'by Khan Bahadoor Nusserwanjee's daughter and other ladies of his family, who presented His Excellency with bouquets and garlands.'"

There, isn't that touching. The dusky daughters of the land, their "eyes of dark light" flashing, and themselves wreathed in smiles appropriately coming forward to wreathe in garlands

"The form that once through Belvedere
Its unctuous influence shed."

Imagine our own Dickon engarlanded and enwreathed—his bright visage with its central promontory in bold relief—beaming from beneath his coronet of flowers upon his fair enslavers. How charming! What Idyllic grace.

MR. PARTINGTON'S LAST.

A gentleman, pretty well known in Calcutta for his fondness for the use of long words, after reading the *Englishman's* announcement of Miss Minnie William's benefit, said that the young lady "must be a paradox of beauty and virtue."

BROTHERLY LOVE.

Here is an extraordinary paragraph now going the round of the papers. It certainly gives a glimpse of a queer state of things in Arabia Felix:—

"The Resident at Aden reports that "news has been received from the interior that, on the night of Friday, the 24th August, whilst Haiderah bin Ahmed, the Foodhlee Sultan, and his brother, Sultan Hoosain, were sleeping at Tariah, surrounded by about three to four hundred of their tribe, and with one of Sultan Haiderah's own body guard keeping watch over them whilst they slept, the former Sultan was assassinated. It has not yet been ascertained who is the instigator or the actual perpetrator of the murder. Sultan Hoosain has been acknowledged by some sections of the Foodhlee tribe as ruler, and he is now on his way to Shagra to have himself proclaimed Sultan, to which place he has invited all the Shaikhs to be present on the occasion."

The Sultan's *body* guard is without doubt correctly named; it would be an evident misnomer to allude to it as a *life* guard. Our "Sub" says of Haiderah bin Ahmed's murder at Tariah that had e'er he been armed, and had a "tarrier" on the watch instead of the, in this instance, ominously named *body* guard, he might ne'er have been himself a permanent tarryer at Tariah, and Sultan Hoosain, whose ain brother he was, would not be now sitting in his seat. However this may be, *Charivari* thinks it is not improbable that the deceased Sultan's ghost, if Shakespeare is quoted in the place it now inhabits, might conclude a true tale of the incident with

"Thus was I, sleeping, by a brother's band," &c.

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FOR CHITTAGONG, AKYAB, KYOUK PHYOO, and SANDOWAY, 29th October and 26th November.

For AKYAB and RANGOON, 22nd October, 5th and 19th November.

For RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 22nd October, 5th and 19th November.

For SINGAPORE, calling at RANGOON, MOULMEIN, PENANG, and MALACCA, 15th, and 29th October, 12th and 26th November.

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Receiving cargo for Kurrachee, Guader, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Bussorah, and Baghdad, to be transhipped at Bombay to steamer leaving for the Persian Gulf immediately after arrival of steamer from Calcutta; Baghdad cargo transferred at Bussorah to steamers of the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other steamers.

FROM MADRAS.

For RANGOON, calling at MASULIPATAM, COCONADA, VIZAGAPATAM, BIMLIPATAM, returning to MADRAS, *viâ* same ports, 10th and 24th October, 7th and 21st November.

FROM BOMBAY.

For KURRACHEE only.

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FROM ADEN

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FROM ZANZIBAR.

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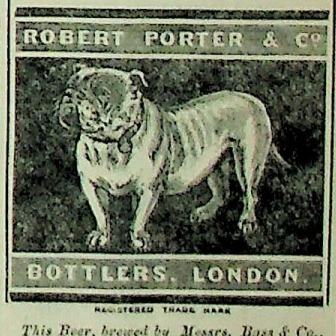
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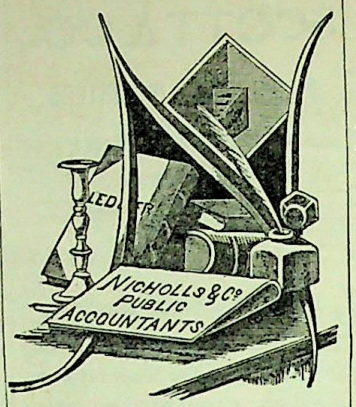
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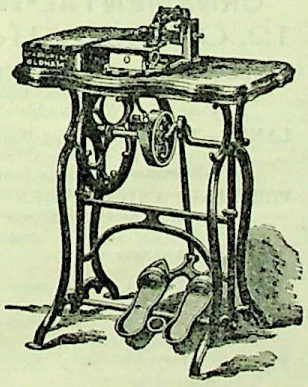
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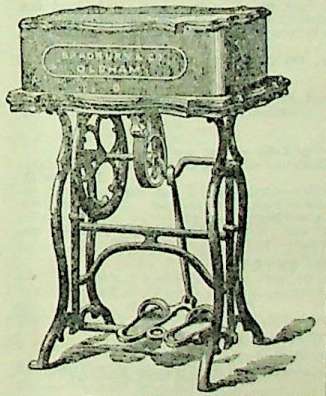
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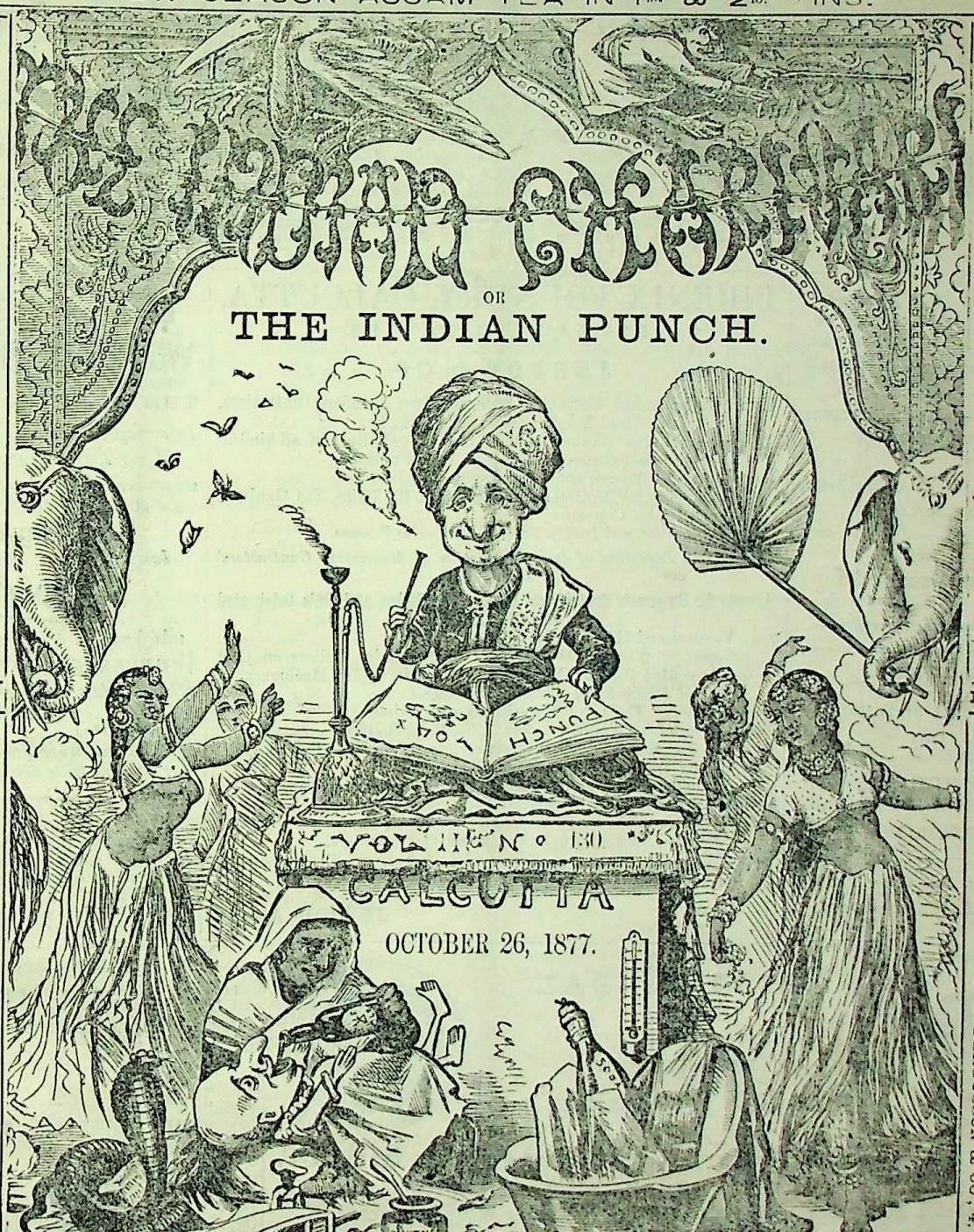
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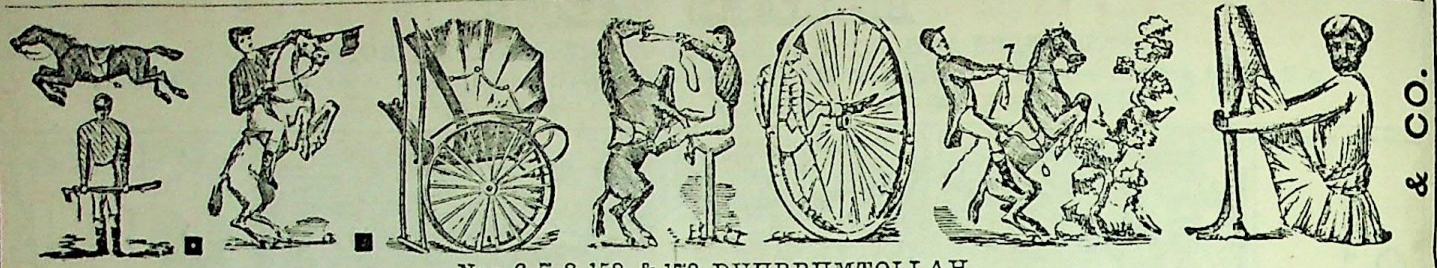
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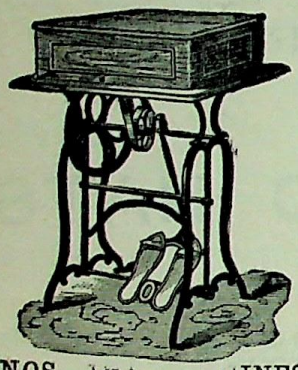
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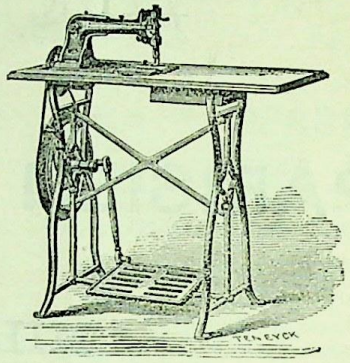
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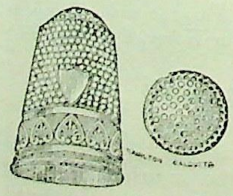
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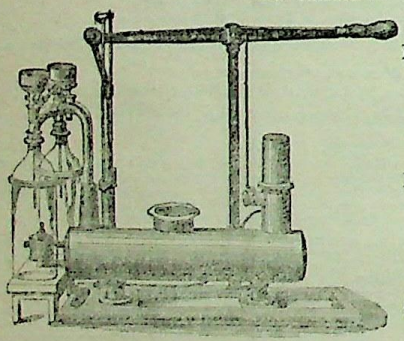
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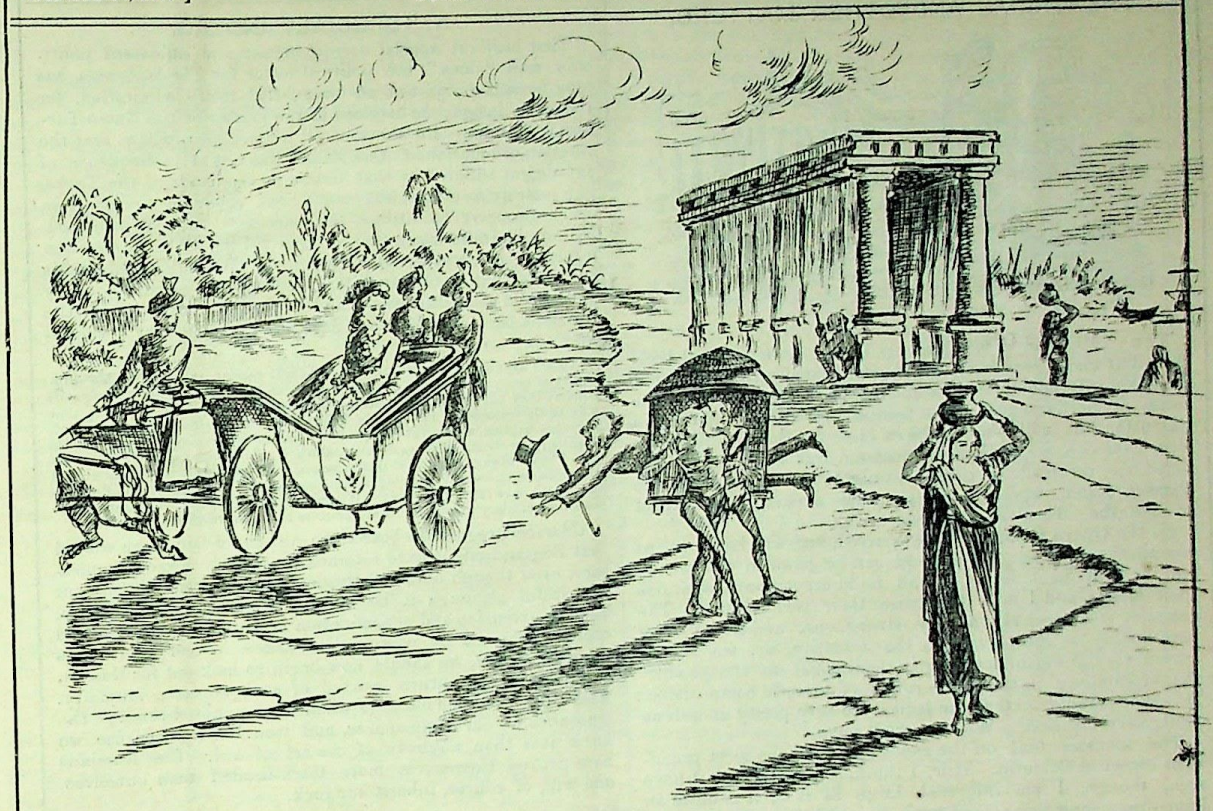
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HE flies upon the sugar-pot
Were softly slumbering one and all;
The wearied spider long had sought
His rest upon the parlour-wall;
Poor Tomkins looked both sad and strange,
While sitting o'er his brandy hot,
And wondering as he waited, what
His wife was doing at the Grange.
He only said "'Tis very dreary,
She cometh not," he said;
He yawned, "I am aweary, aweary,
Oh, would I were in bed!"

His fears rose with the rising wind,
His fears rose ere his glass was dry,
He dared not cast a look behind,
Lest some dread object should be nigh.
Scared by the squalling of a cat,
Or when a rat went scuttling by,
He grasped the poker, and his eye
Wandered athwart the bamboo mats.
But still he said, "'Tis nothing, really;
"She cometh not," he said;
He said, "I am aweary, aweary,
Oh, would I were in bed!"

Upon the middle of the night,
Sudden he saw a something go,
Swiftly across the spluttering light,
Oh, doleful thing, oh! tale of woe—
With trembling knees, with bristling hair,
In darkness plunged, he stood forlorn;
He longed to see the breaking morn,
Yet strove to hum a lively air.
And, shivering, muttered "This is dreary,
"The lamp's gone out," he said;
He yawned, "I am aweary, aweary,
Oh, would I were in bed!"

But now there came a hideous moan,
And he grew ghastly pale and cold;
And now a sigh—a fearful groan,
From yonder awful chamber rolled.
Within its gloom he seems to see,
A white-robed form.—It nears the door—
It comes!—it comes!!—and all is o'er—
—, Twas the old ayah:—who but she,
Could snore and gasp so fearfully?
He only said, "'Tis too bad, really,
"She will not come," he said;
He yawned "I am most awf'lly weary,
"I must go off to bed."

DON'T GIVE THAT WREATH TO ME.

Several of the notices of deaths in the American papers conclude: "Friends are requested not to send flowers."

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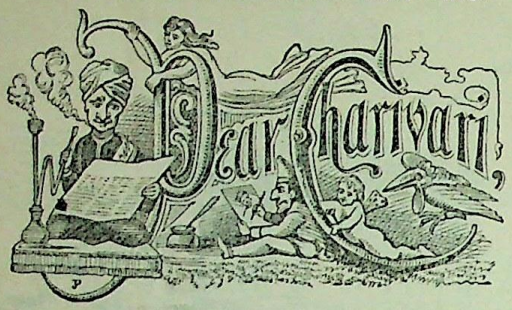
Q.—Why is *Charivari* like Noah's ark?

A.—Because it contains all that is worth preserving, and leaves out all that is objectionable.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



The "Minstrel Boy" and his Troupe have finished their short but merry season at the Theatre Royal. Dave's benefit and the afternoon *tamasha* for the children winding up the series of performances. The troupe are still, I believe, in Calcutta, but will shortly be *en route* for Bombay, in which city, I for one, Sir, wish them success. But ere he goes I see Dave has resolved to give one night to charity and the Famine Fund, and accordingly this evening we expect to see the Theatre crowded.

So the Opera Company have arrived, and will have opened ere another number of *Charivari* can be given to the world, and in your next issue I shall be in a position to appraise their merits, and I hope to praise their performance. The company is numerically a very strong one, and if we only have quality in proportion to the quantity, Sir, we should have a very powerful company indeed, equal to the production of anything in the whole round of operatic composition. It is whispered, Sir, that the ladies are very pretty as well as being very talented. Well, we shall see.

The monster tent on the *maidan* is now the most prominent object in Calcutta. It is, I think, Sir, the largest I have seen, though, I am informed, large as it is, it is quite an immature young thing, and not a circumstance to a larger one which the proprietor talks of erecting in which to enact veritable steeplechases and run chariot races. The horses, as is natural in a Circus, appear to be the strong point in this, and they are very prominent in the programme, and one or two ridden by Mr. Kingsley, who is a rider of more than common merit are well worth seeing.

The Dhurrumtollah Temple of Thespis announces for its opening night Edmund Falconer's play "Extremes" and a farce. When the audience, residents of Calcutta, and the actors, travellers from home, make acquaintance on the opening night, it will be a case of "Extremes," meeting in a double sense won't it, Sir?

By the bye, Sir, do you ever read the *Indian Daily News?* Because, if you do not, you have missed rather a neat thing. Under the heading "Even in the best regulated families," the *I. D. N.* extracts from a Bombay paper an article which animadverts upon the typographical errors said to be now occurring with wonderful frequency in *The Times*. The article, strangely enough, has a gross error of the same nature, *ecce signum.*

"But seriously, these constant mistakes, in the *Times* are signs of decadence."

If this is a true bill against the *Times* (sweet orthography that, Sir,) does it also hold good with regard to your contemporary?

And so, Sir, your Annual is I see to appear shortly, and I have serious thoughts of competing for Tale, Poem, and Conundrum, though perhaps it would be unfair of me to spoil the interest of the thing by making the destination of the prizes a foregone conclusion, for of course for me to compete would be to conquer.* I'll think over it.

* Charming modesty.—Ed.

A "SPECIAL" INDEED.

That brilliant special correspondent and unbiassed politician who "does" the political letter for *The Statesman*, has long been the object of all thoughtful men's admiration, for the clear insight he displays in the matter of the Russo-Turkish imbroglio. He alone of all writers clearly saw, that the Russian evacuation of Asia Minor was not in consequence of any defeat suffered by that nation at the hands of the Turks, but merely a strategical movement rendered necessary in order properly to utilize the successes they had achieved. No one in India was aware of this till he, of the *Statesman* informed us; and we now learn upon the same incontestable authority that our own military movements were till lately unmatched for blundering and incapacity, but that now the Russians have excelled us. Says our contemporary's correspondent:—

"In ten days at the furthest the Russians will possess an incontestable superiority at every point of the theatre of war; and, notwithstanding the gigantic blunders they have committed, under a competent general they have yet time to finish the campaign victoriously before the winter sets in. Having regard, however, to the wonderful incapacity consistently displayed at the Russian Head-Quarter Staff, such a consummation is very improbable. Up to this time I have always held that in the way of military blundering no nation had achieved so numerous or such signal successes as the English, but the Russians and Turks have fairly beaten us. We may, with a safe conscience, transfer the chaplet of military incapacity from ourselves to brows worthier to wear it."

Charivari regrets to hear this; he could fain have wished that England might have retained the palm. Victory is pleasant, even though obtained through blunders, and Empire not distasteful although it be merely the reward of incapacity, and its extension and consolidation is scarcely to be regretted though achieved by continual mistakes. According to this talented scribe, we should now begin to look out for Russian successes as the natural reward of such supreme stupidity. Alas! for the good old days when we conquered through the ignorance of our commanders, and won battles, because we knew less than anybody of the art of war. The Russians have proved themselves more thick-headed than ourselves, and will, of course, inherit our luck.

ARBORICULTURAL.

Jabulpur, 1st October 1877.

Dear Mr. Charivari,—As a plain working man on the Railway, Sir, I want to know the meaning of this letter which fell into my hands accidentally. The Railway Company down our way have been offering prizes for the best show made in the Arboricultural decoration of the approaches to the stations, and we have, most of us, been trying along the line to see what we could do. Now, Sir, the following letter has just been received which has rather puzzled some of us:—

G. I. P. RAILWAY COMPANY.

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Circular No. 3794.

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I could not recommend any one for a first prize.

Yours truly,

(Signed) G. H. W.,

District Resident Engineer.

I want to know upon what principle no first prize has been awarded, Sir. It seems to me that the best man, even if not a marvel of gardening skill, would still be entitled to the best and not the second best prize. Why didn't he get it? Yours,

Perplexity.*

* We really cannot enlighten our correspondent. Truly, the ways of Railway Companies are past finding out.—Ed.

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ROUGH NOTES ON INDIA.

By D. I. S. Content, Esq.

I have forgiven Tom Trot, entirely and absolutely, for that F. O. B. business on board the "James and Mary." No one but a surly, morose churl could retain any feelings of anger against a man, who would write you a letter like the following:—

My dear old Di—(My christian name is Dionysius)—A gentlemanly quartette, with festive and sporting inclinations has been formed, and arrangements made to proceed in a steam launch to the Sunderbunds, on a shooting excursion, during the Durga Poojah holidays. If you can make yourself agreeable, once in a way, and don't mind sleeping in one of the lockers, will you join the party? All you have to bring with you is good temper, your sweet tenor voice, and your shooting irons. Billy Merrypebbles—(does he mean William Gladstone?) pays the piper. He drew Silvio in one of the St. Leger Sweeps. The L.-G. is an unmitigated muff in trying to put down these lotteries; don't you think so?—(I do). "The Ripper" is lying off Kidderpore, and we start at day-light on Wednesday. Punctuality is the thief of time! Excuse haste; I am about to attend a wine tasting committee meeting.

Ever your loving,
Tommy.

Now, upon my word! this is what I call making the *amende honorable*. Perhaps it is unnecessary for me to say that a proposition like this, to one of my temperament, does not take up much of one's time to consider. So an answer went back by bearer, accepting the invitation gladly; and I purpose letting you know how we got on.

The morning sun of the eventful Wednesday saw us steaming merrily away, with a *bholiah* in tow, containing the commissariat and servants. Tom Trot came out in a suit of green knickerbockers and gaiters, as he said, to prevent the game seeing him in the jungle. From his size this precaution, I think, was unnecessary. Merrypebbles, of course, was captain, and his hearty welcome and joviality at once made every one at ease. The other two of our party were strangers to me, but were introduced by Tom Trot as the "Bane" and the "Antidote," and although one said that he came from Berlin and the other from Naples, subsequent events proved them to be as good judges of "whuskey," as ever hailed from Aberdeen or Cork. It took us the whole day to get to the *rendezvous* Channel Creek, but it was spent after the fashion of "The Red Cross Knight,"—"right merrilie." The cold turkey and ham were excellent, and the simpkin cup perfection, whilst the "baccy' was both.

"The Bane" enlivened the proceeding by singing the "Jug of Punch" and "Whiskey in the Jar," with practical illustrations in a rich brogue, finally falling asleep at an early stage; whilst the "Antidote," not to be eclipsed, started off with "My Boy Tommy" in accents anything but Neapolitan. Tom Trot and I had some fine pot shots from the bow, at "allegories," as he termed them.

"What's in your daft heads!" shouted out the Neapolitan from the stern of the launch. "Diana ye ken the wild geese on your richt mon?" Bang, bong, go two barrels, and away fly the flock, leaving behind a fine fat fellow, splashing in the water. Thus, with intervals of smoke, songs, pegs, breakfast, tiffin, dinner, tea, and supper, we got through the first day, and when Merrypebbl s says "he can't anchor" off Mud Point, Tom Trot retorts, that he always thought him a cantankerous fellow. This leads to Captain remarking that "The Bane" reminds him much of "Dave Carson." "What! Is I a niggar? Yah, yah," enquires the man referred to. "No, but you're fresh from Cork."

It was proposed that we should land at the Point, and try for a deer at sunset, but the symptoms of disorganization were a little too apparent, especially when "The Bane," who was being carried ashore on the shoulders of the boatman, in his antics, managed to upset his bearers, and all three were struggling together in the mud like a lot of alligators, so he was brought back to the *bholiah*, and washed down with buckets of water. The party now sat down to loo, the largest winner being myself,—of five rupees; so there was not much harm done, anyway. Then we sung the "Chough and Crow," Merrypebbles, bass solo, being given out, as the musical critics say, with "fine effect;" and didn't we join in the Chorus. "It is our opening day," after that came "Mynheer von Dunk," until the small hours were entered upon, when "turning in" was the order, and in a short time stillness reigned around. I never can sleep the first night of these excursions, so I sat up in the bow and smoked a pipe. A large alligator, attracted by the remains of our feast thrown overboard, was prowling round, and I longed much to have a shot at him, but did not like disturbing the sleepers. I think I must have just dozed off, and was dreaming of tigers and geese, and "Mynheer von Dunk" and alligators, when I felt the scarlet blanket, upon which I was lying, suddenly pulled from under me. For the moment I thought it was Tom Trot who was lying beside me, playing one of his tricks, so I held on as tight as I could. "No, you don't, old fellow. None of your larks, Tom!" I said raising myself on one elbow; but guess my horror, when on looking over the side, to see a gigantic alligator, within a couple of yards with the other end of the blanket in its mouth. My shouts soon raised the whole party, who started up in the greatest alarm. I still stuck to my end and pulled like mad, but whilst they were scuffling about for the guns, the teeth of the beast broke through and he was off. I send you my end of the blanket, in which you will see all this.* But I have more alarming stories than these to tell you in my next.

DAMPING THE MARTIAL ARDOUR.

We are told that several members of the Moulmain Volunteer Corps are beginning to feel the cost of washing their white drill uniforms a little too heavy for their impoverished pockets. Whether this is really the case, or not, we cannot of course personally certify. We may say, however, that it is not improbable that the extra outlay which the frequent washing of white uniforms involves, is with some of the poorer members a trifle burdensome. It has been suggested to us that a *dhoby* might be advantageously employed at a small cost for the entire corps, or such of the members thereof as care to utilize his service. The suggestion is deserving of consideration, and we gladly make it known for Major Furlong's information.—*Moulmein Advertiser.*

If I might dress in red, Sir,
Like a British grenadier,
I'd fight till I was dead, Sir,
As a Maulmain Volunteer.

But what with dhobi's charges,
And very little pay,
In clothes all white, I cannot fight,
I'd rather stop away.

A regimental dhoby,
Would many men attract,
Enlistment would not slow be,
When washing was a fact.

And then we Moulmain heroes
Would shine as volunteers,
In our clothes all white, in which we'd fight,
Like British grenadiers.

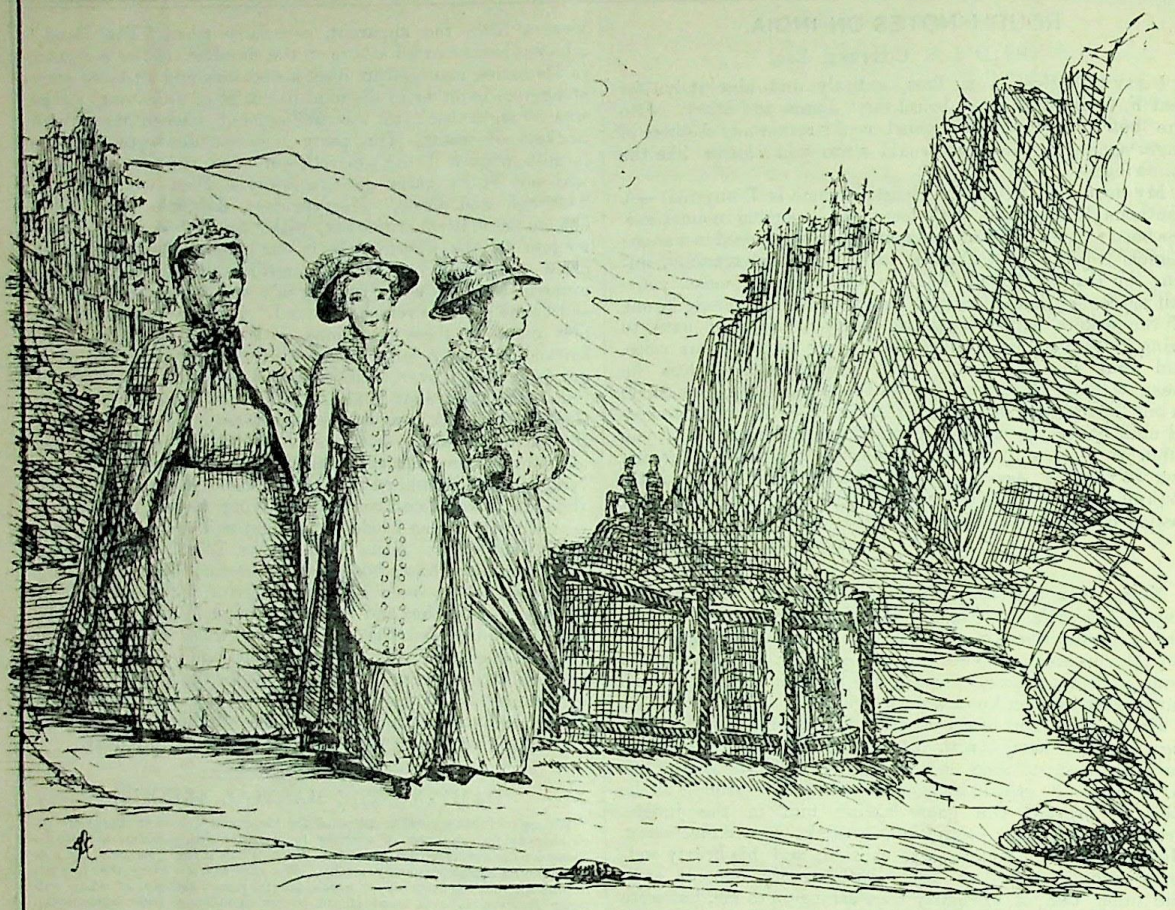
JUST A DOUBT.

"We are inclined to believe you guilty," as the jury said in the case of Janokinath Roy, according to the Foreman.

* We hardly consider this blanket, which by the way has a rather worm-eaten appearance, a sufficient voucher for our contributor's rather apocryphal yarn. It puts us in mind of the gentleman who said he saw a stone fall from the moon and used in confirmation, to produce a pebble from his pocket, with the remark "and if you don't believe me *here's the stone.*" *Editor.*

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TACTICS AT NAINI TAL.

Anxious Mother (to her offspring)—Step high ye divils the staff are looking at yez.

WHAT'S IN A WANT?

A good deal apparently by the Doctor who advertises as follows:—

Wanted—New born baby at once. Dr. Whitehead, 206 Grand st., near Bowery. Hours 2 to 5.

Many fathers of families in this over-populated country might be willing to oblige the Doctor. But then their education is so deficient that they cannot read advertisements, and Mr. Eden will not have English taught in the lower vernacular schools. A few such advertisements as this would give an immense impulse to emigration, if properly published in the vernacular.

SELF EVIDENT.

Charivari has observed with some astonishment the amount of controversy going on as to what would be the best site for Cleopatra's Needle when it seems self evident that there is one place in London whose name need only to be mentioned to silence the advocates of all others, *viz.*, Threadneedle Street.

IMPOSSIBLE.

Charivari regrets to hear bad news of Sir Richard Temple. Here is a serious announcement indeed which appears in the columns of a Bombay Contemporary:—

We regret to hear that Sir Richard Temple is detained at Ahmednuggur on account of the effects of a slight accident which he met with a few days ago, in striking his right foot against a stone. His subsequent activity on foot induced inflammation, which, in the opinion of Dr. Waters, *can only be subdued by His Excellency remaining perfectly quiet for a few days.*

Perfectly quiet for a few days! Impossible! He could not do it! Perfectly quiet! Chain up the lightning, lull the weasel to placid repose, impose calm untroubled by the gentlest heaving upon

"Biscay's sleepless bay."

Stop the discharged soda water cork in mid career, make Khitmutgars honest, or baboo English intelligible—do all this we can believe it remotely possible; but keep our late L. G. perfectly quiet? The mind of man refuses to contemplate the possibility. *Charivari* is truly sorry for that foot; he fears it is doomed.

Dick Temple's Last.

Victoria gardens are for art and science,
And all frivolities must quickly fly thence.

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FROM OUR YOUNG MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Sir,—The Durga Puja holidays are not a favorable time for the acquisition of news by your young man about town. I daresay if I was gifted with the powers of Asmodeus and could look through the roofs of houses, I might find as many moving incidents to relate as during any other time of the year; but I am not so gifted, and many of those who do remain in town keep themselves so religiously secluded that nothing can be found out about their doings. Why, Sir, even the brokers, the chief purveyors and disseminators of scraps of news and scandal in Calcutta, were not to be found in their usual midday haunts at the Great Eastern and the Jerusalem.

In discharge of my duty I sacrificed myself to the extent of visiting some native nautches. There was no news to be picked up there, nor did I see much that was new in the entertainments. One benevolent Babu certainly provided us with a novelty in the shape of a troupe of native acrobats. There were four or five men, and about as many boys, and what I saw was simply this:—First the entire company came forward and bowed, and patted their arms and legs, which seems to be a necessary preliminary to all public acrobatic performances. The men then retired, the boys rushed forward and threw somersaults back to the end of the stage, not nearly so well as I have seen hundreds of boys do for nothing in the streets at home. The grand performance came next. Three of the men appeared, patted themselves again all over, and throwing an attitude interlaced their arms so as to form a platform. The most lively of the boys then appeared, patted himself, and with some difficulty got up by one of the men's legs on to the platform of arms. Then, after one or two failures, he finally managed to stand on his head, amidst immense applause from the spectators. I could not reconcile it with my feelings of duty even to you, Sir, to witness any more of the performances, and I left. But day after day elapsed, and my note book was still a void. A brilliant idea struck me, I would invite some of the few friends who remained in town to my rooms, and I would endeavour to extract something from them to write about in that most intellectual of all modern "feasts of reason and flow of soul"—a "modern symposium."

Here I may remark, by way of parenthesis, that you must be well aware that the weather has been very warm lately, that warmth conduces to thirst, that a symposium literally means drinking together, and that drink costs money.*

We duly assembled in symposium, if my sitting and bed room combined, about twelve feet square, can be dignified by such a name. I soon noticed the flow of liquor, but there seemed to be very little for reason, or even a mouse, to feed on. The first subject that turned up was Janokinath Roy's case, and Jones informed us that he knew for a fact that Rs. 5,000 had been offered to an Editor in Calcutta to write in favour of the prisoner, AND WAS REFUSED. "Lives there the man and Editor," Smith burst out, "who is sufficiently virtuous to refuse such an offer. I can only say that I wish it had been made to me. I would for that amount have written an article proving not only that Janokinath was innocent, but that when Mr. Branson threw up (or down) his brief, it floated over the heads of the Jury like a mediumised accordion, uttering soft sounds of not guilty, and that Mr. Justice Kennedy was the only man in the Court who thought the prisoner innocent. Why do such opportunities never come in my way?" "Nonsense," exclaimed Robinson, "the whole question reminds me of one of poor Robson's songs at the Olympic, which began, "Here we go up, up, up, and here we go down, down, down, oh." All that is required is to alter a few words," and then he sang:—

Whether the brief went up,
Or was thrown down, down, down, oh,
Janoki was guilty found,
And got three months from the Crown, oh."

"The subject is not one to joke upon," said Smithers. "Either the poor man has been unjustly punished, or he has not been sufficiently punished." This was, I regret to add, received with a shout of, "and so say all of us." I could find little else in my note book the next morning as the result of the symposium, though I found myself with a severe head ache, the floor of the room strewed with empty soda water bottles and tobacco ashes, some broken glasses on the table, and a note from my landlady requesting me to leave at once. We must clearly have a drier subject to discuss at the next symposium.

My health has been so bad since that I have been unable to collect my scattered thoughts as to the row at the Circus, the beauty of the prima donna soprani, or the way patients are left to look after themselves at the General Hospital. But when I want a cheap ride in future, I shall be taken ill on the Strand, and get into one of the gharrys which the generous ship captains are about to provide to take sailors to hospital, for there cannot be a sick sailor every hour of the day, and the horses might get bad for want of exercise.

GUP.

* We cannot take the hint; our young man had no authority from us to invite his friends, and *such* friends as they seem to have been.—ED.

TO WIDOWS AND SPINSTERS.

Does any female, answering the above description, wish to get married? Of course she does; is it not the natural desire of the female heart? Then here is a favourable opportunity:—

A well educated gentleman, of highest respectability, covered against all events by his commercial business and profession, desires in matrimonial way the acquaintance of a lady, serious, industrious and intelligent, commanding over 6,000 or 10,000; no others need apply.—HONEARY.

Unfortunately we can give no further particulars. But to young men about to marry, and who adopt the advertising medium to obtain a wife, we recommend the above as a model. There is no nonsense about it, no "good looking" or "pleasant manners," or similar flummery, but "a well educated gentleman covered against all events, by his commercial business and profession." We are getting as curious as a woman to find out what commercial business and profession it can be that will "cover against all events." We should give up writing, and take to it at once, for writing is hardly sufficient to cover a multitude of sins, in the shape of our human form divine, with good and sufficient clothing.

Dogmatic.

In the *Pioneer* of the 6th instant the following query appears, which I have much pleasure in answering through the medium of your widely circulated columns:—

"A Canine Complaint. Will another doggist tell me what to do with a spaniel afflicted with a dry scabby nose?"

Try a course of Holloway's pills and ointment if "The Cure for All" fails, something may still be done for poor "Scabs," you might persuade a good natured friend to keep him "Till Scabs shall be no more," you might sell him to the Civil Surgeon of your station for Vivisection, thereby advancing the cause of science, or you might try if a cobra was fond of "Scabs" or soared (sored) above them, or, better still, you might shoot him.

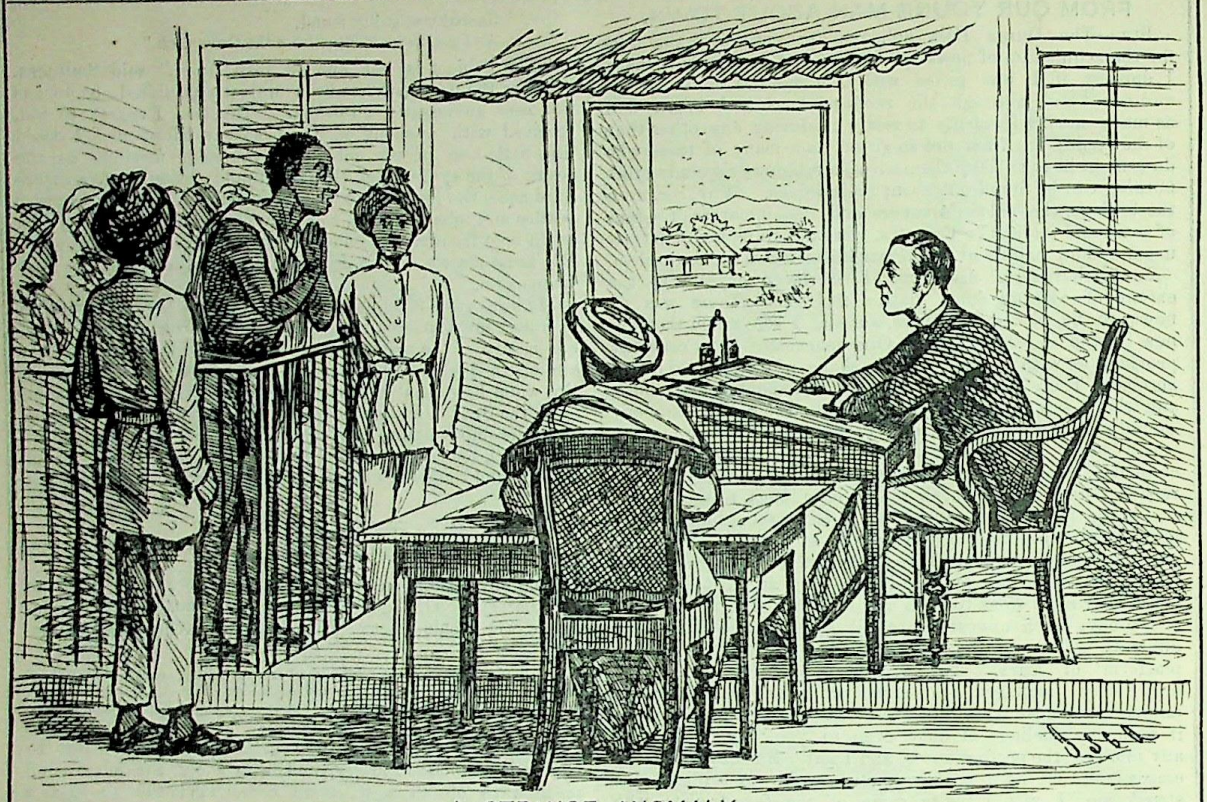
ANOTHER DOGGIST.

AN ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.

The *Mirror* writes: "We should very much like to know how many lords there are in the army in India." Why this curiosity? The only advice we can give is, read the Army List. But it shows that the progressive native still dearly loves a Lord.

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A STRANGE ANOMALY.

A young Magistrate in the Mofussil (*P. H. of course*) is about to examine a native witness. He addresses the witness thus: "What's your name?"

Witness.—"Augor Nath Huldar Lall Addy."

Magistrate (*testily*).—"Bosh! Too much trouble to write such an appellation! (*Severely*) what's your Christian name?"

(*Surprise of the listeners to become acquainted with the fact that a haythin had a* Christian *name. The same idea at length hazily crosses the Magistrate's mind and he—collapses.*

MARK TAPLEYISM.

The persistently optimist views expressed with more or less (generally more) levity by our Allahabad contemporary, has surprised and somewhat disgusted many people; but *Charivari* is rather inclined to praise what to him appears to be the real motive of the "*Pi.*" It is merely the old Mark Tapley principle. We can imagine our contemporary saying to himself: "Well, here's a pretty outlook; two famines on hand, any amount of misery, diseases and death. Come, there's some credit in being jolly under such circumstances."

Very good, indeed, so far as that goes, dear "*Pi*," but don't be quite so ready, as you appear to be in a late issue, to try and dry up the fountains of charity before this very jolly famine is fairly over. Things are, no doubt, looking better as you say, but they are far from all right yet. So don't be *too jolly* all at once.

At Last.

Orders have at last been issued for the march of the 32nd Pioneers to Quettah. One wing is to open out the road, and the other to escort heavy guns and ammunitions of war. Three 24-pounders and one eight-inch howitzer, to be worked by a detachment of 20 gunners from the Kohat Garrison Battery, are to be sent to the Fort at Quettáh, in pursuance, we believe, of the original programme. Let it be hoped that the great army of alarmists will now be appeased.—*Pioneer, Oct. 22nd.*

Observe how nice this is. We have done at last, after months of purposeless delay, what should have been done at first; and now good people please be satisfied and thankful. Admirable logic!

THE PRIEST IN ABLUTION.

Dear Chari.,—I hear upon good authority that a well-known contributor to the *Indian Church Gazette*, hearing of the notoriety of the pamphlet "The Priest in Absolution," has determined to write a small purifying tract entitled "The Priest in Ablution," being a description of a German Missionary's first bath; the book will be written in rhyme. Through the courtesy of a friend I am enabled to give the first verse, which is in excellent melody:—

There was a priest, a nasty beast.
Who had an only daughter;
But this fair maid, could not persuade
Her Pa to soap and water.

Low Church.

Ups and Downs.

[*Old version.*]

Up and down the City Road,
In and out the Eagle,
That's the way the money goes,
Pop goes the weazle.

[*New version.*]

Up or down went Branson's brief,
So said the paper,
To get Janokinath's relief,
With truth they cut a caper.

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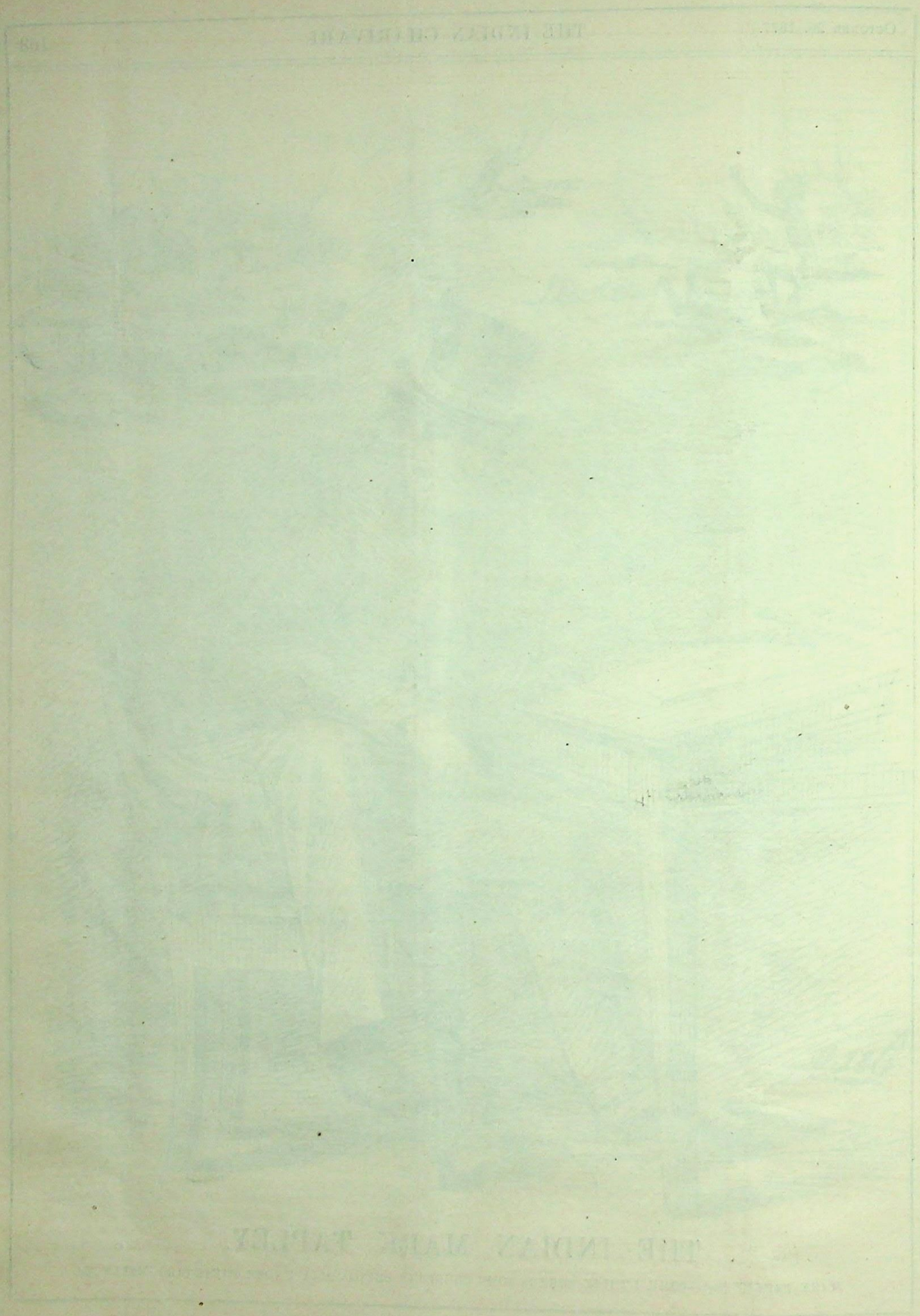


THE INDIAN MARK TAPLEY.

MARK TAPLEY (*loq*).—COME, I THINK THERE'S SOME CREDIT IN BEING JOLLY UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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TOUCHING INNOCENCE (*A FACT.*)

Mamma *(who has been attracted by her little one's cries)*—What on earth is the matter, Elsie, with little Maud?

Elsie (*promptly, interrupting Ayah*)—Oh! Mamma; the big hen got off her eggs, and Maudie would get on them, and they's all mashed.

THAT TROUBLESOME TELEPHONE.

There can be no doubt that when some further improvements have been made in the telephone, letter writing in large towns will decrease, and we shall talk to one another along the wires. Already there are several wires laid on in New York between different offices, through which business communications are carried on. But the latest discovery in connection with the telephone shows that we must be very careful not to hang our wires too near one another. It has been proved that sounds passing along one wire will also travel equally well along another hanging parallel to it within a few feet. Now this might cause some very awkward mistakes. Suppose, Mrs. Smith from Chowringhee, telephoning to Smith in his office in town, "Come home at once, dear, I wish to see you?" Jones, whose house is next to Smith's, and whose wire runs parallel to Smith's, for some way, also receives the same affectionate message. Smith goes home in response to the message, and finds all right; but Jones, who is not expected, finds that young Jenkins, whose visits he had forbidden his wife to receive, visiting Mrs. Jones. Or suppose Mrs. Jones asks some unexpected friends to dinner, and telephones to Jones to bring home some extra delicacies from the Great Eastern. Smith, unsuspecting, hears the same request, and rushes uselessly into expense. Until perfect isolation is invented, it is clear that it will be as dangerous to meddle with a telephone as with edged tools.

By Telegram.

Wonders in this age of discovery crowd so thickly upon us that we almost cease to be astonished at any announcement, however extraordinary; still there are some things that fairly astonish *Charivari*, and here is one of them. In a late issue of one of our daily papers we find the following:—

"Hunter.—*At* Scotland, on the 29th September, the wife of T. F. Hunter, late of Amluekie, Nowgong, Assam, of a Son (by telegram.")

We have often heard of a death by lightning, but a birth by telegram is a new thing, and shows in a startling manner what strides modern science is making. We suppose the place must have been prophetically named *Am luckie* by some one who foresaw the assistance destined to be rendered by science to nature in the production of a son and heir for its whilom resident, who might now write after his name in commemoration of the event "Am happy."

EXCRUCIATING.

The Announcement that the Sisters in a certain convent complain that they have Adelina Patti (had a leaner *Patè?*) at meals lately, and are not properly nourished in consequence.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.



Dear Charivari,

Nature (who pa renthetically "abhors a vacuum") has produced another failure—the onion crop. "The onion" says somebody somewhere, speaking of something—I like to be definite—"is an esculent I eschew, it not being a favourite with the ladies." "The onion," replies his more practical companion, "is a root I chew, and don't care for the ladies." I personally am partial to it, Sir. Mixed with rum and red herrings, "it imparts a grateful fragrance to the breath," as the Rowland's advertisement has it. A short pipe and some strong cheese are by many deemed an agreeable addition. The onion is also very useful, concealed in a pocket handkerchief, in making up lovers' and conjugal quarrels—care being taken to stand a respectful distance, while weeping, from the adored one, or she might smell a trick. "Onion is strength," say the Onionist, and we must all deplore its scarcity, if only for its foregoing poetical use. As King Edward VI in his Latin Grammer pathetically observes:—

Iræ amantium, integratio amories!

which reminds me of another of that lamented royal grammarian's apothegms:—

Vita brevis, lex longa.

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The foregoing naturally brings me to The Three Detective case. A short *précis* of this *cause célèbre* may be welcome. Kerr, Benson and others, having for years carried on swindling betting agencies under various trade names, conceived the idea of extending their operations to France. With the connivance of the principal members of Scotland Yard, who had hitherto aided them by giving them every information of what transpired at head-quarters, they did so. They published a paper in French (also in France) relative to sporting matters in general, so entrapping the French lady who so narrowly escaped. They printed their own cheque books. &c., and in return for Madame's money, sent her enormous winnings per cheques upon The Royal Bank, London—a remarkably suspicious title to us but not so to English-innocent foreigners. At the same time they requested a few more thousand pounds to invest still more favourably. The delighted widow went to her lawyer to arrange about drawing out this further sum, when he smelt a rat, and telegraphed to Scotland Yard to know if it were 'all right.' This telegram came at once to these swindlers' police confederates, who replied that the firm was one of great respectability, &c. Frenchy, however, didn't see it; and set a Parisian 'bobby' to work, who arrested Benson abroad and brought him over to London. When Benson was to appear at his trial, the Detectives arranged that a prisoner, very like him in appearance, should, in the crowd outside the Court, be substituted for him; but, though they had their man ready, the vigilance of the common police was too much for them; and they could not well 'square' *them* without revealing their own participation in the matter. Benson, Kerr & Co., (the latter of whom were apprehended shortly after) got ten and fifteen years each, and *there* was thought an end of the affair. But after the first year of 'durance vile,' Benson didn't seem to see why he and his companions should languish in penal servitude, while the Detectives, who had had over seven thousand pounds of the spoil, should enjoy themselves thereupon; *thereupon* he, in vulgar parlance, 'split.' A convict's word, however, is no good without corrolative proof. When he said he had a particular communication to make, implicating the chief people in Scotland Yard, they wouldn't believe him at first; but eventually gave him a hearing, which resulted in the Detectives' arrest together with Froggatt, who seems always to have been a thieves' lawyer. This latter had first been casually consulted with regard to a dummy note or cheque that had been stopped. Kerr and the rest were called up as witnesses; and the whole of the correspondence which, they had assured the police was burnt, but which had been carefully kept by the cautious Kerr, was produced. Lately Clark, the Head Inspector of of Police, has been implicated.

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I saw rather an odd proceeding the other night in a public house at the Cambridge Fair. A woman had a child in her arms which a stranger was noticing. Presently the latter offered to buy it, as I thought in banter. The woman replied half-laughing that she didn't mind if she did sell it, as its mother was in a lunatic asylum, never likely to come out again, and the child was a great bother. He could have it for half a crown. No sooner said than done. The stranger paid the money, wrapped up the child and left by train that night for the North. When he was gone, the female slave-dealer remarked that she had another at home, whom any one was welcome to for five shillings. Admirable huckster! had doubled her tariff already.*

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The *alumni* and *novi homines* were just beginning to arrive. Of course I did a boat up the Cane, and, necessarily, through the lock; my blisters scarcely enable me to hold my pen at the present moment. On alighting I saw in a chemist's shop, opposite King's College, a Varsity legend, to the effect that "Boating Men's Plaster" was there administered as a grateful balsam for all abrasions, &c. I say no more: I will only add that I am writing this standing up. It is hard to sleep so at nights, like a horse—Yes, Sir, I repeat: like a *horse*. Have you any emendation?† The same gentle druggist—he must have been a direct descendant from Romeo and Juliet's Apothecary—purveyed Boil Pills in large caps. But the staple commodity there is sausages. I ascertained that Cambridge itself consumes every sausage made there: so what the rest of the world does is problematical and mysterious in the extreme. I enclose you, Honoured Sir, a pig powder, as sold all over the town. May the presidence of your natal star attend it!

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The Penge—Mystery no longer, is solved, and justice—rather oddly—meted out. The interesting quartette are sentenced to be hung; but usual maudlin sympathy will spare the worst,—probably, the females, whom the jury have unaccountably recommended to mercy. Take warning by this, Sir, and don't try and starve *me*.

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Poor dear old Compton is dead and buried.

"The humorous man shall end his part in peace."—*Hamlet.*

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Manchester alone has as yet subscribed twenty thousand pounds sterling towards the relief of the Indian Famine. Well done, Cottonopolis!

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* No, Sir. He did not pay her by a cheque on Child's.

† I never spoke.—Ed.

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The (printers') practice of setting up the first line of an advertisement bigger than the rest sometimes produces a startling effect, as:—

Lot:—All that Modern and Well-Built Family for instance. "Mansion with large and handsome entrance," comes as an afterthought in the second line in the usual microscopic type of the "Manchester Examiner." Purblind folk, wishing to invest in a modern and well-built family, might be *misled*—if the family had not *mizzled*. This is like the enigmatical baker's announcement:—Families Supplied. I saw yesterday in Cheshire at a pious grocer's, who had adapted scriptural texts as pendant mottoes to his (I hope not) adulterations:—Prime Old Cheese! Pardon Is The Word To All!! I have ceased attempting to trace the analogy; but with you, Sir, it is *such cheesey* work that no doubt, if not below you,—I mean if you have not the *stilton*—the *non sequitur* will be in this *case caseously* demolished by your *mitey* power. Remember, Sir, "*butter* late than never." *Such churners** on this earth must *chew* the *cud* and *chews* their *whey*. I transcribe this from my *dairy* and am sorry it's a *curd*. I suppose it *grew'ere*.†

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I don't know what to tell you about the war, because you get the news sooner than I do, and there's nothing funny in it. I still protest against the Turkish Compassionate Fund in presence of the awful famines in India and China, more especially the former. As Hawkins observed in the Penge case, "Any one takiug the responsibility of the protection of another, from which guardianship they are unable to escape, is legally and morally bound to supply them with the common necessaries of life." I assume that the natives are unable to escape our guardianship.

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Money Market:—I have just chalked up a 'round' at Short's on a *post obit* on you, Sir. The interest is ruinous, and they only did it as a favour in remembrance of their whilom best wholesale customer. ‡

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"Death" is a cheerful but not uncommon surname. A man of that inviting name kept, and for aught I know still keeps, a public house opposite Hampstead Road Chapel, while subscriptions to the Indian Famine Fund are invited by Death (Mayor of Cambridge).

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The Ward of Cheap will insist upon re-electing Sir John Bennett, the clockmaker. The Court of Aldermen as persistently refuse to have him. Perhaps they think he'll always be *on strike*—or worse, on *tick*. Until we know the reason of their veto we must suspend judgment upon this pendulous question. In the *meantime* at Greenwich they—Well! *observe—a—tory*. This last information is of peculiar political significance.

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The Old Man has commenced fires, roaring fires half way up the 'lum' as the Scotch call 'chimney.' The Yule Log is merrily blazing long before its time with all the power (and that's not saying much, of an English sun working at the same time.

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The Russian atrocities bid fair to outdo anything that mere Pagans, Turks and Infidels can conceive. One phase, stabbing the dead, is an impudent plagiarism of Falstaff's great idea. Killing the wounded, however, they find more dangerous, and have received a royal ukase (whatever that is) to desist as many valuable Russian lives have been lost in those interesting vivisectory experiments.

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Poor Patti has cancelled all her engagements and retired to a nunnery. She has taken up, so let us drop—the veil.

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The Peninsular and Oriental Company's good ship "Poonah" left Gibralter last Monday evening, the 24th, with a cargo of actors and actresses, *en route* for Calcutta. These innocent lambs are under the guidance of two Shepherds. It is supposed that by hook or by *crook* they will give a performance on board with two good parts in them for those gentle shepherds—one of whom, they say, is used to foreign parts.

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The Croats at Plevna have decidedly found the Turks in their redoubts, redoubtable, with which remark permit me to observe that

Higham,
Your valued correspondent,
Your London Lunatic.

* Sojourners? But, no, never!—Ed.
† Grinyére?—Ed.
‡ We are consulting our lawyer on the subject of unprovoked libel.—Ed.

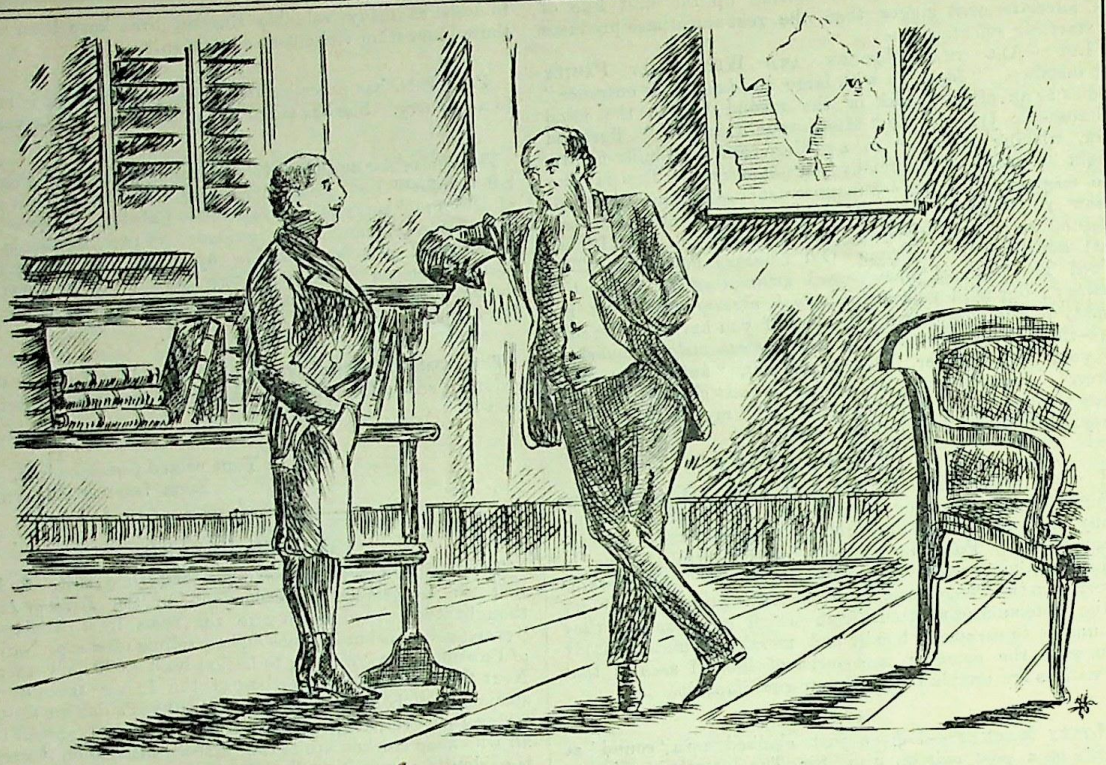
CHICKEN HAZARD.

The familiar murghi is having a bad time of it. So bad that the telegraphic correspondent of the *Times of India* thought it worth while to wire the news from Allahabad, "even poultry is burdensome and are selling off cheap. Natives of Cawnpore are arranging to feed at least 4,000 daily there." Next the Lahore correspondent of the *Pioneer* takes up the strain, and tells us that the natives in the Panjab are slaughtering their chicken, because a report has got abroad that all who keep chicken are to be taxed. Murghi on the brain is evidently a prevailing disease up country at present, and has caused the telegraphist to become oblivious of the rules of Lindley Murray. We have more often suffered from the effects of murghi on the stomach (some old dak bungalow cock) than on the brain, but the above harrowing accounts of the probable fate of the staple dish of travellers in India has so affected our brain that we have burst out in verse as follows:—

Oh murghi, many a time and oft,
Have I, when travelling up aloft,
I mean towards those regions fair,
Where big officials eat the air,
Been glad my appetite to stay,
With murghi curry day by day.
I found thee "burdensome," 'tis true,
In dreams you made my conscience rue,
For having caused thy early death;
But still so long as I have breath,
I will declare thou better art
Than tough old goat, of which a part,
Is often sold as Patna mutton,
And satisfies the hungry glutton.
But murghi, now thy fate is hard,
No more you strut the stable yard,
Fell Famine comes, the murghi goes
To help to stave off other woes.
In far Cawnpore, a dreaded name,
Known best by "massacre" to fame.
Four thousands of thy brethren there,
They wish to feed with anxious care.
Oh murghi, think upon the past,
Are such kind offers made to last?
Look down within that fatal well,
Where scenes of horror ever dwell;
Ponder thy fate, may not again
O'er native minds a frenzy reign;
And murghi, loved in curry hot,
Find they have met no better lot.
Avoid the "hazard of the die,"
At chicken hazard they're too fly.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Junior Assistant (*desirous of promotion.*)—Strange, how the married men are encouraged by Government. Do you really think that if I were to go in for matrimony I would have a better chance of getting an increase than I have now?

Influential Superior.—Not the least doubt of it. In fact I think I may safely guarantee that you *would* get an increase in a few——

Junior Assistant (*overjoyed*).—By Jove, much obliged for the hint. I shall immediately——

Influential Superior.—Don't excite yourself. I was about to say that in a year or so you would certainly get an increase——to your family.

(*Junior Assistant subsides.*)

CONCISE CRITICISMS NO. 2.

Tara.—Omits to mention "The harp that once through Tara's Halls.

Guy Waterman.—No connection with "The Jolly Young Waterman."

Number Seventeen.—Seven's the main.

The way we live now.—Cheap and nasty.

The best of husbands.—Ask the wife's sister.

In a winter city.—No experience of it in India.

For this cause.—Or for any other.

A young wife's story.—An old man's darling.

Ill at ease.—The heroine worried by musquitoes.

A pair of blue eyes.—Better than a couple of black ones.

A WAIF FROM THE SEA.

Vessels coming up the Hooghly are often reported in the *Telegraph Gazette* as "a vessel, name undistinguishable, showed Q. N. N. H." A nautical friend tells us that this is a classico-nautico joke on the telegraph signaller; that it means Quid nomen navis habet. (What name has the ship) Nautical wit is really very funny—when explained.

AMERICAN ENTERPRIZE.

"Procrastination is the thief of time." So we were taught in our copy books, and it ought to have become impressed upon our minds. It evidently has upon the minds of our brethren in America, who require everything done in a hurry, even that, generally, most difficult of all jobs—a divorce. But just look at the following advertisement, and see how quickly this can be affected:—

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What's O'clock?

The time-ball only drops twice during the holidays, and every church clock in Calcutta gives a different time. How to regulate your watch? The most sensible answer we have heard to the above proposition has been: Time was made for slaves, not holiday makers.

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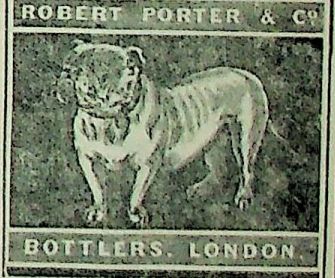
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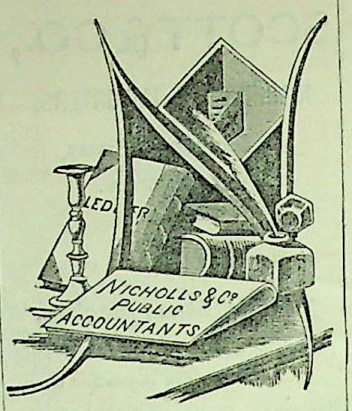
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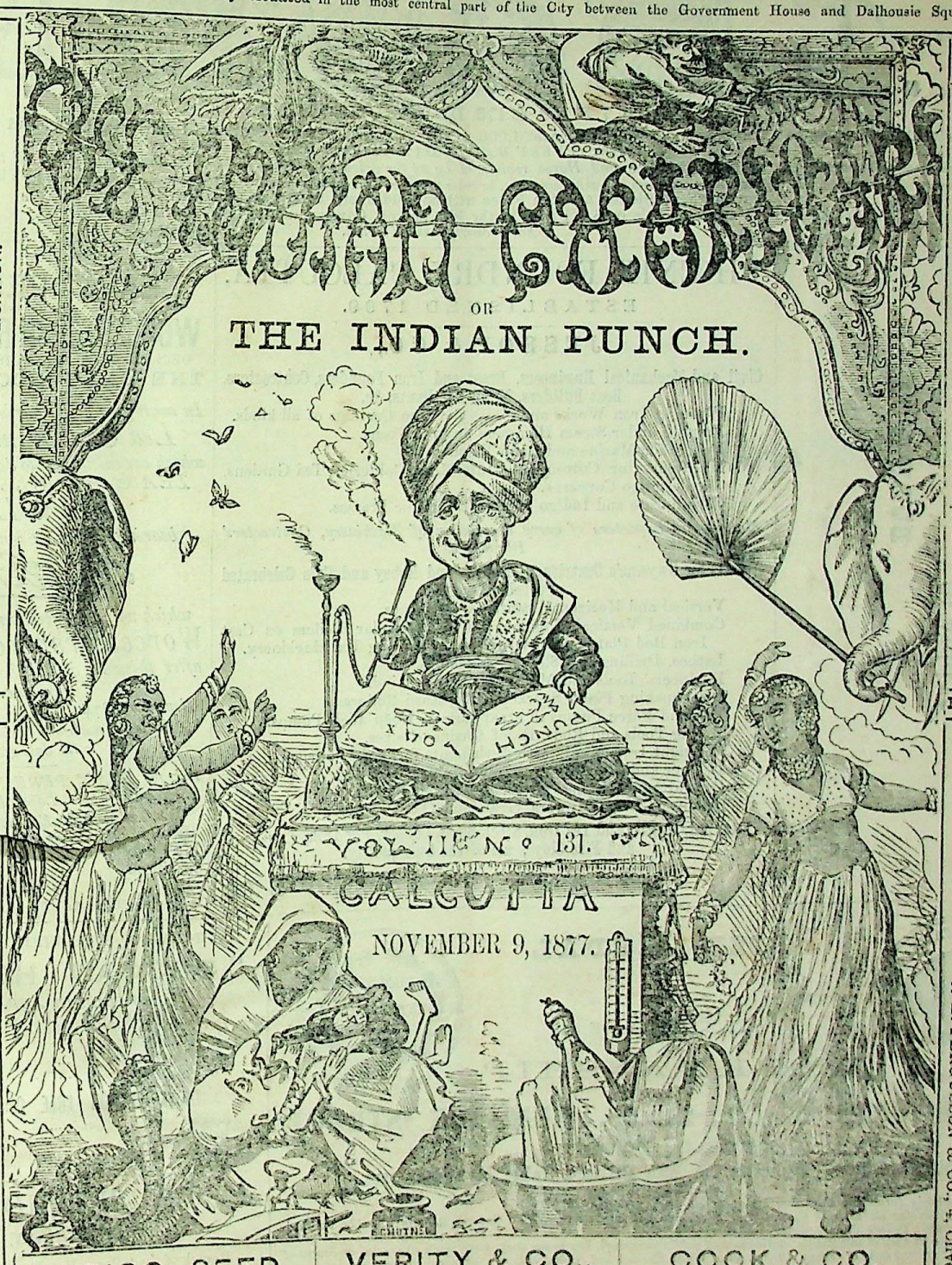
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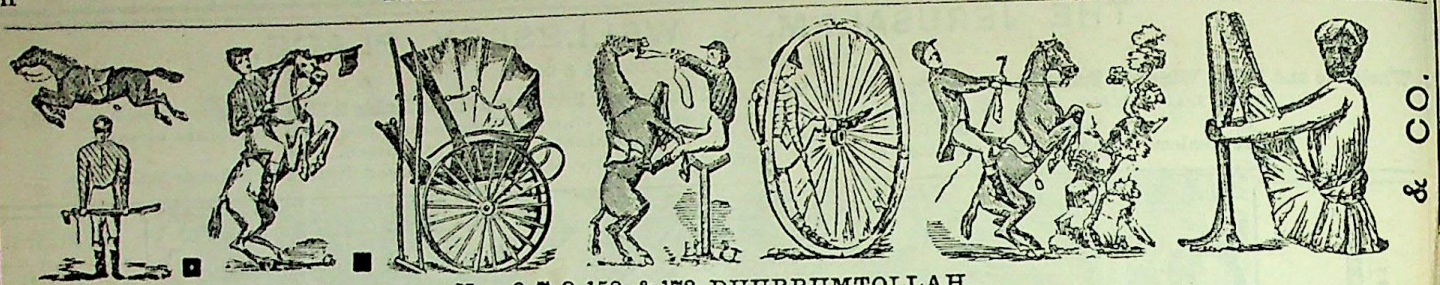
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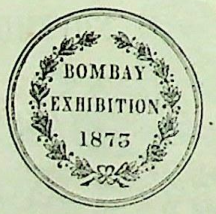


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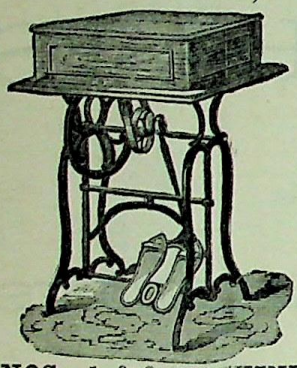
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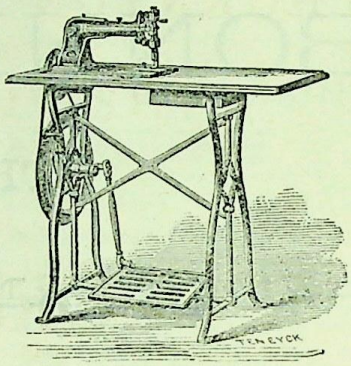
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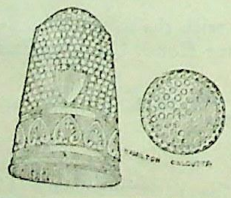
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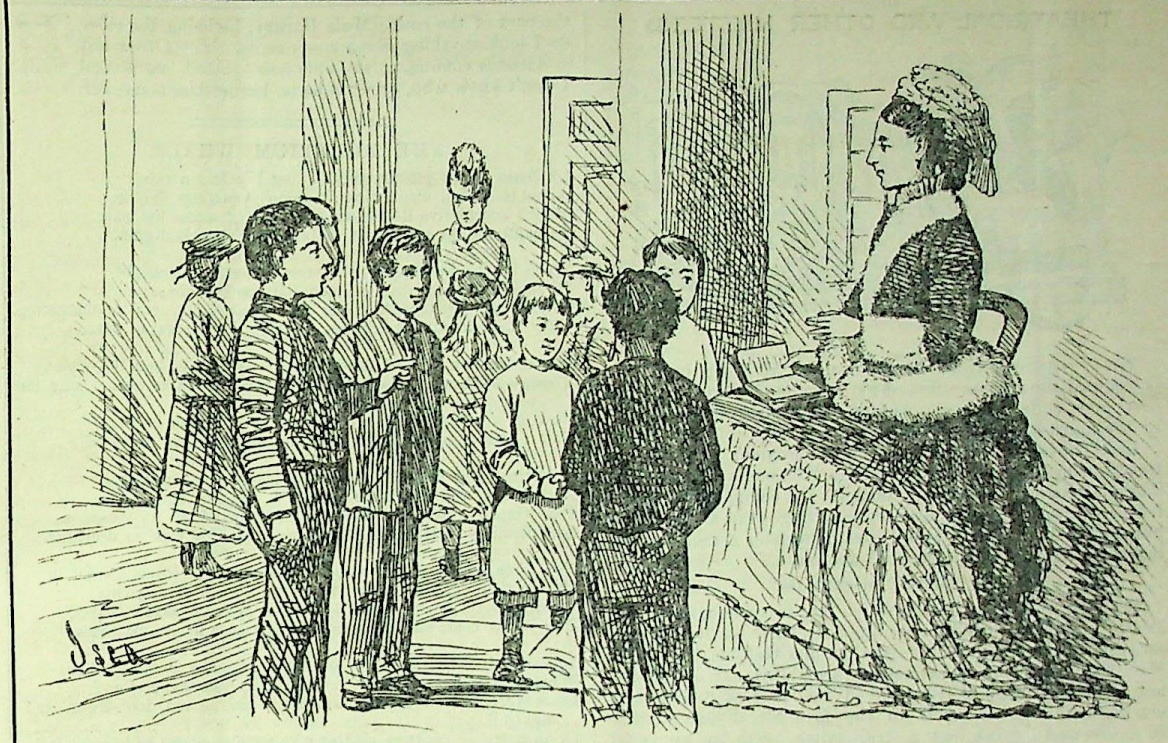
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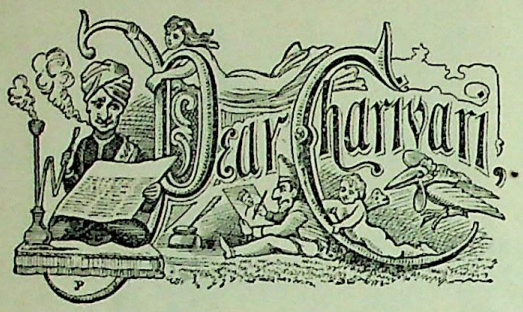
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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



YOUR representative has been going in "big licks" for Opera and the Drama relieved by *soupçon* of Circus, and is just now suffering from a sort of mental dyspepsia, induced by too much of these very good things.

Last Thursday, Sir, the Andersonian Phalanx "charged for the standard" of Calcutta taste in Falconer's "Extremes." The piece is not a good one, though the company by whom it was presented is, in fact, exceptionally good in many points, but as for the "Great Comedy!" itself, I wonder if the Laureate had it in his mind's eye when he wrote of

"The falsehood of extremes."

Well Sir, following this, in which that favorite actress Miss Bessie Edwardes played the leading part, came on the first subscription night Gilbert's "Pygmalion and Galatea," in which Miss Fanny Enson, an actress of rare ability and experience and our new leading lady, played the part of "Galatea;" she isn't unlike Mrs. Lewis in the face, Sir, though slighter in figure, and I think just a trifle taller. She has appeared in two or three parts since, and is good in all.

Then we have Mr. Leicester as the leading man, whose best thing yet, his Captain Murphy Maguire (why in an iron grey wig Mr. Leicester?) shows him to be all that could be expected or desired. Mr. Thorne is a real comedian, and the burlesque element, represented by Miss Marie Seymour, the bewitching little Kate Warden (oh so nice, Sir,)* and Dora Santon, and yes, the *danseuses* with Miss Fanny Brock, triumphant in spite of Orchestral shortcomings, is really excellent, so that there is something to see in Dhurrumtollah this season.

And then the Opera!! Sir. *Il Trovatore* was a splendid success. I don't intend, so don't be frightened, Sir, to enter into the merits of the vexed question of the Tenor's "C." (vide *Daily News*) or his "D." (vide *Englishman*), but he sang the music, as one rarely hears it rendered; he acted as if he felt the part, and he carried the audience with him, though I believe only to the wings, as I observed they did not disappear when he made his exit. Then Senora Capozzi as Leonora, and Orlandi as Azucena, were a treat to hear and a pleasure to look at. The Comte De Luna, Ferrando and the rest down to the chorus were all excellent. *Salaam! Bahut atchha*, Signor Massa, and massa-cred be he who first cries, Hold Enough! He ought to be old enough to know better.

Meanwhile Wilson's Circus is doing its steady nightly business, and occasionally amusing the children in the day time. How the little rogues enjoy it, and their efforts at imitating the scenes in the circus ought to be, on the principle that "imitation is the sincerest flattery," highly gratifying to its proprietor. For myself, I got a little tired of this part of the thing when requested by my landlady's eldest boy, a chubby lad of six, to enact for the ninth time, the part of the comic Mule Barney, he being the rider. Now do I look anything like a comic mule, Sir?* I trow not.

Airec is coming, so say bills now posted on several walls. I don't know who, or what he is, but let him come, Sir.

* Moderate your raptures, Sir.—ED.

THE AQUARIUM WHALE.

Oh listen to my piteous song, whilst I unfold a tale,
About the latest wonder out, the new Aquarium Whale,
Which speculative Robertson had brought across the main,
To captivate the public and to bring th' aquarium gain.

'Twas off the coast of Florida, this whale it was caught,
By Zazel's Impresario to England it was brought;
But though they brought it o'er the sea, old ocean's son or daughter,
They made it out amphibious, for they kept it out of water.

A wooden box, drilled full of holes, was made to hold the whale,
Though swimming was its nature, there it scarce could wag its tail,
And daily twice, to freshen it, they poured upon its head
Salt water from the ocean in which it was born and bred.

This treatment most unnatural that mammal did survive,
And safe at the Aquarium at last it did arrive,
Was turned into a new-made tank, prepared for its reception,
And flaming posters soon announced that this was no deception.

For three long days and three long nights the visitors poured in
To see that monster of the deep; but it was getting thin,
Though forty pounds of food a day it took in shape of eels,
The young cetacean didn't thrive upon such toothsome meals.

It pined, it died; and next, of course, arose the awful question,
What was it it had died of? Could it be from indigestion?
Or was it that the London smoke had proved too strong and choked it,
Or that stupid cockney visitors with walking sticks had poked it.

The doctors met and soon found out what 'twas that killed the Golden Goose,
In their hurry to prepare his tank the lime from the cement got loose,
Though it might live a fortnight with salt water poured upon its head,
It would not stand lime water; so the new Aquarium whale is dead.

Official.

We are authorised to state that there is no truth in the report that the Maharaja of Burdwan has offered to present the Ochterlony Monument to the British public, in imitation of Mr. Erasmus Wilson's gift of Cleopatra's Needle. The only report with any foundation connected with the monument is, that in these days of economy Government proposes to let it to Mr. Wilson of the circus, to paste his marvellous posters on. A meeting will probably be called at the British Indian Association, and a memorial drawn up to protest, like the Young Men's Christian Association in Bombay, against the desecration of such a monument of science and art.

Too Polite by half.

Our Brahmo rival is severely funny on the three Bengali gentlemen who have gone to Bombay to present a farewell address to Sir Richard Temple, and their eloquence before the Ducks at the same time. First he called them with bitter irony, the three tailors of Tooley street, but that not being sufficiently learned or Calcutta B.A.ish, he next mentions them as "the so disant deputation from Bengal." We can only suppose that this is Brahmoese, for we do not know what other language it can be.

* Leaving out the qualification we think we could discover points of resemblance.—ED.

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BEARING THE BURDEN:

A NEW FARCE.

Scene.—Bank of the odoriferous Coom near Government House Bridge.

Time.—6 A.M., Monday morning.

Dramatis Personæ:

1. His Grace Duke Buckleton.
2. Private Secretary Dobbins.
3. Engineer Jungleton.
4. Inspector Jebbs.

HIS GRACE (*snappishly*).—Mr. Jungleton! I've not slept a wink last night in consequence of that rascally Coom.

JUNGLETON (*stammeringly*—My Lord!—Your Honor!—Your Grace!—the—the Coom? Is it the Coom, your Grace, that kept you out of bed?

HIS GRACE (*snarling*).—Yes, confound you! the stench from that villainous sewer is eno' to poison a dhoby's donkey. I tell you (*more mildly*) I used a pint of Eau-de-Cologne last night, and then couldn't get rid of the infernal odour.

JUNGLETON.—My Grace! Your Grace! I will see-see-see-to-to-to-the im-m-mediate rec-ti-f-fication of it. I-I-I-will g-get on sh-sh-sharp with the deepening of its b-bed.

HIS GRACE (*stamping his foot*).—Now, look here! that's just the cause of it all. I'm sorry I passed that infernal order for deepening the bed. Why man, the filth of centuries was turned up yesterday, and I got the benefit of it all last night.

JUNGLETON (*whiningly*).—Couldn't Your Grace retire to Gindypak Palace till the agony here is all over?

HIS GRACE (*resignedly*).—No, no, how can I (*getting excited*) with that blessed Sir Rich. Synagogue stumping about the country, poking the sides and examining the teeth of every famine coolie he meets with. Of course I must go with him, and can't live miles away from Madras. I'd have been on the hills only for the fellow.

SECRETARY DOBBINS (*falteringly*).—Your Grace might issue another G. O. stopping the deepening of the bed till you next proceed to the Neilghiris?

HIS GRACE (*resignedly*).—No, no, Dobbins, that cursed Mail would then howl and the other papers would bark at me. No—no—I'm afraid I've put my foot into it and must endure it all. I say, Inspector—can you explain how this confounded Coom mud smells so foully.

INSPECTOR JEBBS.—Why yer Gris its this here. All them natives as lives in Park Town, (or John Pereiras as it was called before it got the new name) and Chindadrapetteh takes good care as how they recoups theirselves for the Moonisipal taxes and they throws all swapings into what they know by the name of the *Big Dhrain* and nivir pay for people to take it away in the dacent way. Thin yer Gris, shure half of the dhrains in the place is consthructed specially by the Engineering Sthaff (*takes a side glance at Jungleton*) to impty theirselves into the Coom. So thats the raison Yer Gris as how it smells so quare, and beside yer Gris the Hospital people.—

HIS GRACE (*interrupting*)—Oh! Oh! for Heaven's sake hold on! Good Gracious! What shall I do?

(A voice from behind Government House Bridge) Do, your Grace? Why do as all your predecessors did——nothing—It'll all come right before the day of judgment, all the people in town endure the stink, and you must help us in bearing the burden

Scene Closes.

OPERA-TING FOR A FALL.

From our own broker at 1-8*th per hundred.*

What the writers of the letters, trying to get M. Massa to reduce his prices, are doing.

MODEST REQUEST.

It has long been our opinion that for real modesty, the indigenous English-speaking community* of Calcutta is unsurpassed by any people in the world. We offer to our readers in proof of the correctness of our judgment the following letter, which was really sent to a gentleman lately attracting somewhat prominently the attention of the town:—

TO D—e C—rs—n, ESQ.†

SIR,

Being a poet and an author, and standing in need of patronage, and such as is yours, whose benevolences are so many wheresoever Providence has put it in your means, to exercise it with satisfaction to the Great Ruler.

May I hope in your goodness, to be able to help me with *a Benefit night*, that I may have the power to print and publish a new work, by name Enoch. As it has been on the *tapis* for a considerable time it is not unknown, for on trying to get subscribers I failed exceedingly in not taking the precaution of asking the addresses of the subscribers. Your goodness in granting so many benefits to public schools, charities &c., gives me the hope, you will not deny to me the same, to publish my new book. Should its sale realise as much as would refund your sum, I would gladly so do; and it would give me infinite satisfaction, as in gratitude I should.

Praying for the health and prosperity of yourself and your family, and of your eventually retiring in wealth and godliness and peace, I conclude, with respects,

Yours faithfully,

W. M—k—t—m.

Friday, 21st September 1877, A. D. Boarder and Lodger.
(Here follows address.)

Postscript.—As it likely is not usual to give benefits or a benefit, until about the time of your departure—as I suppose you are going to make a professional tour through the Upper Provinces, and return in Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully,

W. M.

There, isn't that a delightful thing, so cool that ice in the cold season would be needless. The postscript too is unique, if a trifle hazy.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

We understand that more than the usual number of invitations were issued for the Annual Entertainment sacred to the termination of the Doorgah Poojah holidays, which takes place in the splendid edifice at the northern corner of Bankshall and Hare Street, known to the lieges by the name of the Small Cause Court. The number of legal luminaries who revolve in that lesser (its a better word than *smaller*, isn't it?) orbit, and who acted as hosts on the occasion on Sunday last, was *much the same as usual*, but many of the invited, although *very anxiously look'd for*, declined to accept the invitation, notwithstanding the well-known hospitality of the heads of the house, who, as is well-known, not only entertain on the day fixed, but in many cases provide entertainment and lodging too, for some considerable time afterwards.

The disinclination which the invited evinced to attend can only be accounted for by the wretched state of humanity, alike mental and financial, which assumes an epidemic form after the holidays. Indeed it is to be feared that in many instances it has become chronic, and will terminate in number one.

The Cream of the Municipal Meeting.

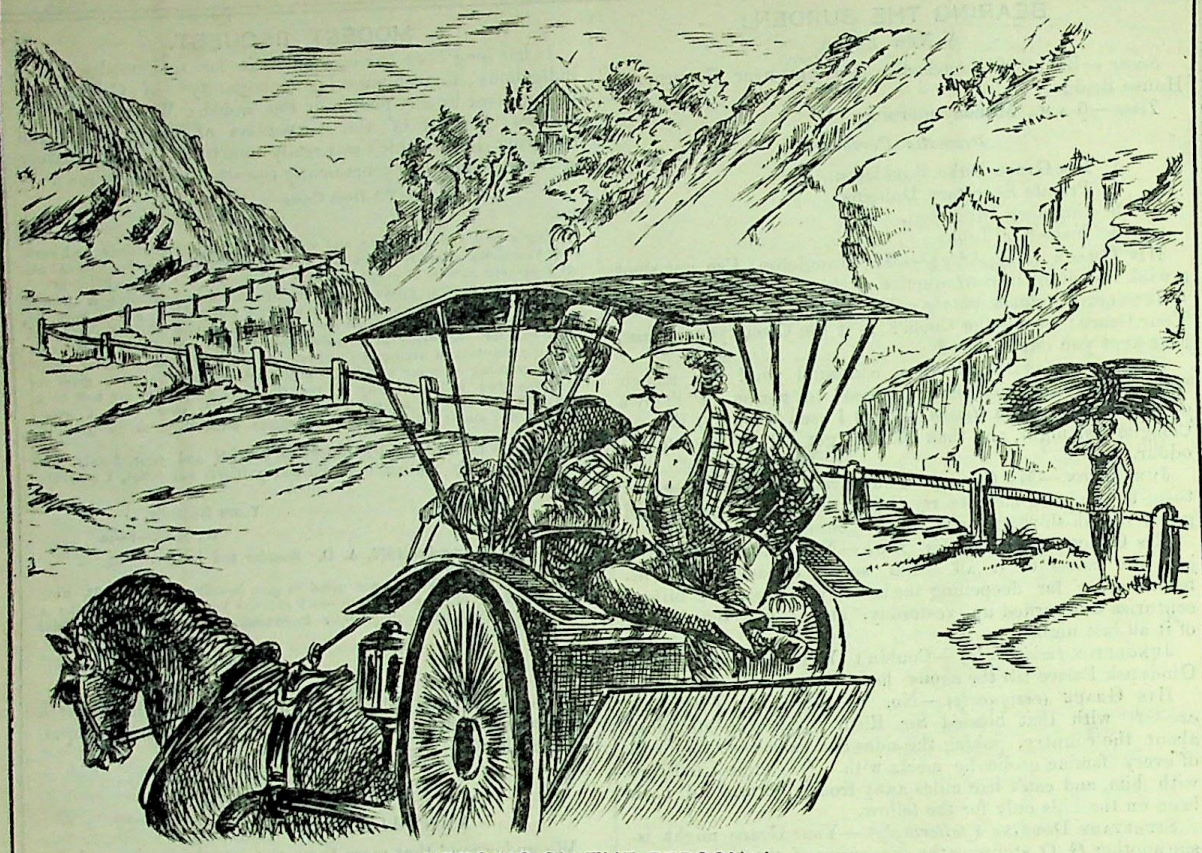
Mr. Eden's hint to our ambitious young men who would be eloquent appears not to have been thrown away. At the last meeting of our Municipal Council the business done may be summed up in a few words, "The meeting proposes, but the Finance committee disposes," for every important motion brought forward was referred to that committee.

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* Neat way of putting it that, better than Eurasian considerably.
† Worlds will not tempt us to reveal the secret which these dashes keep.—ED.

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VERGING ON THE PERSONAL.

Pedro Gomez, Esq.—AND—AH—WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF THE—AH—NATIVES TOWARDS US?

Jones.—WELL, I BELIEVE THAT THE DEADLY HATRED WITH WHICH THEY REGARD A WHITE FACE IS ONLY TO BE EQUALLED BY THE PROFOUND CONTEMPT THEY ENTERTAIN FOR A FACE WHICH IS NEITHER WHITE NOR BLACK.

ALTOGETHER WRONG.

We were somewhat startled the other morning by seeing in large type in one of the daily papers, "See what Dryen says," followed by a dozen lines of poetry. A pretty long aquaintance with dry 'uns in this thirsty clime enables us to say that they never say any such thing as they are made to do in the paper before us. The most a dry 'un says in this country is "Boy, peg lao." Ask Andrews if such is not the case, and he is an authority on such matters.

SHIPS AND SHOPS.

When a sailor buys things upon land,
He says he is getting his slops;
In Calcutta he scarcely need land,
For the ships are now turned into shops.

You can buy a piano or pig,
Or even of drink a good drop,
In the port, since to sailing a ship,
Captains add now the keeping a shop.

CONUNDRUM.

Q. What is the difference between Mr. Bass and the letter "P?"

A. The one makes "ale" "Pale," and the other "makes Pale ale."

WHERE IS IT?

"W. Alpin, Officiating Postmaster of Calcutta," kindly publishes at intervals a "Memorandam of Overland Papers received without address." In this the "place of publication" is mentioned, and it appears that two of these papers lately received, the *Revue Hebdomadaire* and *le Journal de Musique*, are published at a place called "Samedi." Not remembering to have heard of this place before, we made enquiries, but no one could enlighten us. One person only professed to know anything about it, and he said he thought "Samedi" must be somewhere near Lundy Island; but the map doesn't show it. It strikes us that if Mr. Alpin could inform the world where the place is, he would be as well entitled to puffing paragraphs as a Gazetteerer, as somebody else is who gets plenty of them in the *Englishman*.

THE OPERA.

NOTE BY "LANGUID JEAMES."

As far as I see, Awh!
It wasn't High D-Awh!
And I've an Hidea
It wasn't Highly C. Awh,
However it be Awh!
It *reads* very quee-ah
Pity! the Critics can't agree awh.

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FROM OUR YOUNG MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Sir,—Some one has been trespassing upon my premises of late about town, and has written a most harrowing account of the state of society in kintals. Do many of my readers know what a kintal is? If not, I will enlighten them. It is a collection of mat huts, generally built round three sides of a square, in the centre of which is a well. This square and well are the public property of all dwellers in the kintal, and most of them sleep, and even take their meals, in the square during the hot weather.

Kintal is, the learned tell me, a corruption of the Portuguese word quintal, which means a garden, but there is no appearance of a garden in our modern kintals, except that in a few of them a big and generally dissipated looking tree grows. Many of the dwellers in kintals also call themselves Portuguese, but though possessed of high-sounding Portuguese names, neither in language nor complexion do they resemble the dwellers in the land of Port. They are unquestionably half-castes, or as it is now fashionable to call them Eurasians. Their morals, I am afraid, are not of the strictest, and many of their manners and customs are passing strange, but though poor, I believe them to be on the whole a happy and contented race, and they give themselves up to unlimited enjoyment, not only on the feasts of their own church, most of them being Roman Catholics, but they are also equally ready to observe the festivals of the Hindus and Muhammadans. This strange mixture of European and native customs is their peculiarity. Look into one of the huts unannounced, and though there are chairs or moiras and beds to sit upon, you will see that the inhabitants prefer to squat like natives on the ground. They indulge in strange dishes called by still stranger names, such as bindaloo, dumpo, duck &c., and are great at jellabies and other metais. There is a fiddle in nearly every kintal, now often supplemented by a concertina, and they are great at music and mysterious dances of the fandango class. My rival has given a harrowing account of the wretchedness of their existence, but I do not believe him, and I, too, have seen many kintals.

I have not, however, confined my wanderings to kintalea. Barrackpore held out attractions in the shape of a steeple-chase, and I went to see. The Barrackpore meetings are nearly always pleasant ones, and this was no exception. The course can be seen the whole way round, the water jump is opposite the stand, and the jumps are not such as ought to bring the most moderate of jumping animals to grief. Then the Great Eastern Hotel supplies the creature comforts in abundance. and what more can any one out for a holiday want. There is one drawback only, and that is that Barrackpore does not possess enough ticka gharis for such a sudden influx of visitors as arrive by the special train, and the course is some way from the station. Getting away from the course, when the racing is over, is still more difficult, and eight big men, in a gharry intended for only four small ones, is tight packing for half an hour, even though the cold weather is upon us. But I shall go again on Saturday, and I would recommend others to do likewise.

Your theatrical young man will, no doubt, tell you all about the performances at the Opera, the Theatre, and the Circus. Will he also tell us who "The great Talbot Shulds," and "The Great Airec, king of the air," who are shortly to arrive, are? Fancy a man called "Shulds" being great at anything, though "Airec" is clearly all up in the air. It must be some new sort of entertainment, I suppose, and we are pretty well off for those already.

How was it, Sir, I did not see you at the first ball of the season, that was given by some officers of the Mercantile Marine at Andrews's Skating Rink on Monday night? It was a ball to be enjoyed, Sir, in every way. Plenty of room and a good floor for dancing, and you know that drink rhymes with rink, so you ought to have been there.* Day-light began to appear before the last of the party left, but your virtuous representative, Sir, had left long before that, having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Gup.

A DAY ON THE HILLS.

Dear Mr. Charivari,—A day on the hills has so often being spoken of, in the summer just passed, as being the very height of bliss, that it might be well to show to those happy people, who have been unable to get away from the plains, some of the comforts of a hill station.

To begin early in the day. I come home from a ball or theatrical performance at 2 A.M., not in the best of tempers, for I have been unable to find my pony, and been forced to come up the hill on foot. On arriving at my bungalow, the first thing that strikes my eye is my portmanteau, which has been dragged out into the verandah by some one, while scattered about are my shirts, neckties, coats, &c., which some one has been kind enough to take out, but not to replace.

On further examination of my portmanteau I find that a small slit has been made in the leather and a hundred and fifty rupees stolen. My temper now gets the better of me, and I go, breathing fire, down to the servants' houses, in hopes of discovering the thief, but all in vain. After searching for half an hour, I give it up in despair; the servants receive me with looks of innocent surprise, and I am unable, though feeling sure that the thief is among them, to find the offender. I now go to bed, hoping to rest for the remainder of the night; but in vain: the door of my room will not shut, and a cold draught freezes me.

At length I doze off, and wake in broad daylight at 9 o'clock, which, as I had an important engagement at 7.30, is pleasant. I get up and shout for breakfast, but I receive no answer. My *bhistie* at length gives me to understand that my *khitmutgar* has been taken to the police court on the charge of having stolen my money, though I had taken no steps in the matter, and accordingly no breakfast is to be had. I attempt to dress, but am told that my bearer has an attack of fever, and cannot come to my assistance. Misfortunes never come singly: gram has risen to 8 seers a rupee, and bills from every quarter beset me. I have no money in the house, and on sending a cheque down to the Bank, I find that it is closed on account of Hindoo holidays.

I now probably stroll down to the library, but on my arrival, I discover that the papers are late, and that the latest telegram, a week old. The shelves are crowded with books, but not one that I have not read over and over again. In the afternoon I ride down to the Mall, where the band is advertised to play. The Mall is crowded with people, but I soon hear to my disgust that the band has been put off; and, while condoling with my friends on the unforeseen misfortune, the sky, which has been bright and clear for weeks past, quickly darkens and a violent storm of hail drenches me to the skin. A rush is made to the trees, but I trip up in a dandy, and a roll in the mud does not improve my temper or general appearance.

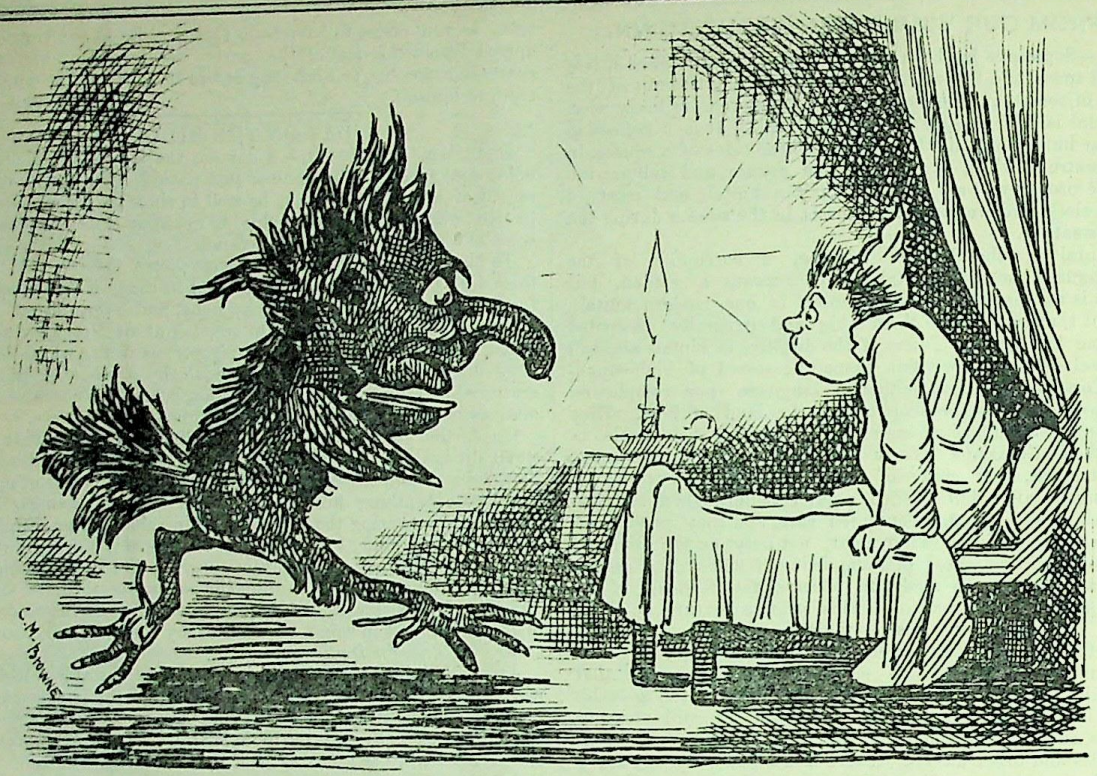
In despair, I at length seize my pony and canter up the hill, the rain pouring in my face; but the stones are now slippery and my pony comes down, breaking his knees and throwing me half stunned against the opposite wall. In this plight I get home, when I immediately learn that, in my absence, the stable has been entirely flooded, and my ponies are standing up to their bellies in the water, while bridles and rugs are floating about in glorious confusion. The last straw breaks the camel's back, and with bitter grief I resolve to go down on the following day. With this resolve I turn in, and thus ends my day on the hills. If you like to publish this true account of my experiences, my dear "Chari," you are welcome to it. It may prove a warning to others not to tread in the footsteps of yours disgustedly

Quid Plura?

* We must request our young man not to make personal allusions in future.—Ed.

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A PANTOMIME VISION:

BEING A SUGGESTION FOR THE CORINTHIANS. SUPPLIED BY OUR DYSPEPTIC CONTRIBUTOR.

INTERESTING OR INTERESTED.

The *Saturday Review* has devoted a long article to the study of interesting persons. Strange to say it omits all mention of those to whom the phrase is most commonly applied as being in "an interesting situation." But our contemporary has managed to rake together a number of specimens of what he considers interesting individuals. There is another class to whom he might now devote his attention, that is, "the interested," though perhaps these might be too numerous to mention, considering how often we are told in the gushing slang of the day, "Oh! I take such an interest in so and so, or such and such a thing."

The Question of the day.

The minds of society in England have been agitated this last season on the important question as to whether a woman, who has been divorced and subsequently marries her seducer, is to be admitted into society. The verdict, as might be expected, has been against them, and has given rise to the following question:

Though to purge yourself from the slur of your sin
You may marry the man of your choice,
To respectable houses you'll never get in,
For such is society's voice.

What's in a name!

Duknik can hardly be called a "duck of a place" by the Turks, since they lost so many men and guns there, to say nothing of Pachas and the chief of the staff. But the Russians can say they caught the Duck in the nik of time.

WHO SHALL DECIDE WHEN CRITICS DISAGREE?

In noticing the performance of the Italian Opera, the *Englishman* says: "Perhaps the greatest sensation was created by Signor Colombana's singing of the favorite *aria* "Di Quella Pira," in which he took the high "*D*" with the utmost ease."

The *Indian Daily News* says: In "Di quella Pira" his powers culminated, and the magnificent "*C*" rung through the house with startling intensity.

Of course there is only the difference of a full *tone* between their respective judgments, and in Calcutta (until lately) an inch or two higher or lower did not make much difference, and as the Critics have much to *a-tone* for, this may perhaps act as a *Ton* (*e*) *ic* to the public in accepting those opinions.

Still they come.

Charivari has been favored with the first numbers of two Comic papers, the one hailing from Ceylon and bearing the title "Puck," or the Ceylon Firefly; "The other is a weed of Calcutta growth, and has assumed the name of "Pickwick." Our Ceylon contemporary is in many respects smartly written, but we cannot say much for its appearance, from a typographical point of view. This, however, time will serve to rectify. Come on Messieurs, and welcome! The more the merrier.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—*Only so, so!*—Sew—Sew.

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JAMSETJEE VICTORIOUS.

DEDICATED WITH "CHARIVARI'S" COMPLIMENTS TO THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA CLUB

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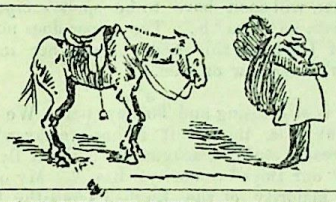
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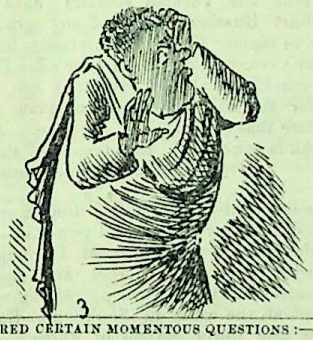
THE BABOO'S RIDE.



1.—Ghose Baboo one day received a present of a horse. His delight was unbounded.



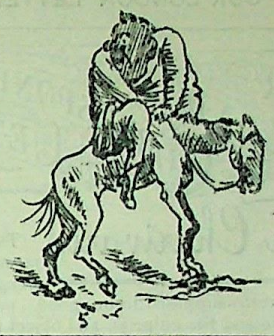
2.—On inspection, he found that the animal was one fit for a prince.



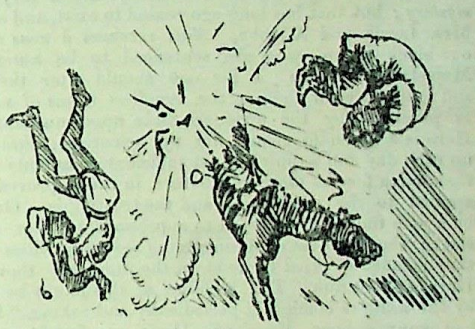
3.—But there occurred certain momentous questions:—Firstly, how to get on him; secondly, how to remain there when he *was* on; thirdly, he might kick; and, fourthly, he might bite. On the whole, therefore, Ghose Baboo determined to have nothing to do with him.



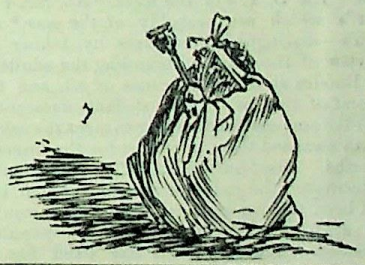
4.—By a happy thought, however, the first dificulty was overcome.



5.—But then another drawback arose; the animal refused to move, and was apparently fast asleep.



6.—But the Hindoo genius is rarely at fault, and a few fireworks applied to the tail speedily produced an enlivening effect.



7.—When last heard of, the Baboo had arrived at the conclusion that horsemanship was intended only for mad men and fools.

CURE-IOUS.

There are just now three *Doctors* professionally engaged in Araccan, British Burmah. Each busy in the curative art, and each contributing in his special way, towards the amelioration of severe and troubled existence. One in the noble work of curing his fellows and mitigating pain. One in the (let us hope lucrative) profession of curing that leaf, a decoction of which when *well*—that is to say well drawn—soothes and cheers, but not inebriates. And one in essaying to cure another and a larger leaf, whose fumes, when *well*—well flavoured, tend to solace and tranquilize both mind and body, and, as put above, to render hard and gloomy life less unbearable and less miserable. May they all succeed.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Charivari,

The only remaining mystery about the Penge matter is why so many hitherto-supposed-to-be good persons should so strenuously defend the culprits, and object to the sentence of death being carried out on the interesting quartett who have at last quart it 'to rights,' as the *gamins* say. P. S.—There was once a beautiful and clever actress, concerning whom there was a long time a *Miss Terry* and a very pleasant *mystery;* but that has long ago ceased to exist, and she is now Mrs. Lewis and Allenby. *Mais revenous à nous moutons*—our black sheep—who are sentenced to be hung at Her Majesty's ex-Penge. I for one should alter the sentence and substitute for hanging the cruellest forms of vivisection, as practised by the quasi-scientific upon innocent animals. Here is a splendid chance for the scientists: binding them up each day and supplying just sufficient stimulants to keep them alive for the morrow's torture, in the approved manner applied to the noble horse and the trusty dog. Or it would be a joke they could not fail to appreciate, to very gradually starve them to death, administering severe beatings whenever they moaned or cried for food, in the same way they treated Harriet Staunton. The humour of this might be increased by the warders coming in periodically and asking, "Have you had your supper, Harriet? Don't you feel hungry? &c.," in their own words. I bet my bottom dollar—which is also, parenthetically, my top one—*they'd* grin quite as much as that poor martyred lady used to. The sickening sentimentalism of the day will probably commute the women's sentences. The D. T.'s of the week—No, Sir, I don't mean *your* d.-t.'s which are probably of the *year*,* but the Daily Telegraph's—distinguish themselves by taking a sound and sensible view of the case and branding the adulterous passion of Alice Rhodes as the prime cause of all, and therefore her as the worst of the lot. Their defiant demeanour has subsided, and the cravens are dreading to meet the easy and expeditious death awarded them in return for the lingering tortures they inflicted. The 'hurrah'-ing of the vast mob outside the court interrupted the judge in the delivery of the sentence. If they'd been thrown amongst them there would not have been an atom of them left before the popular fury had been appeased. The 6th is the day fixed for their execution, being for once a Tuesday instead of the time-honoured Black Monday.

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As you cannot know much about Indian news, as you reside in that country, allow me to inform you that a native bride of Lucknow, aged fifteen, was being polked along in a polkee, after the ceremony—I suppose they have a ceremony— the bridegroom a mile ahead (this latter proceeding, when married folks go out of doors, being a preceding not adopted in England till after the honeymoon) when she was attacked by three chokodars†—who ought to have been in choko—and robbed of her jewellery. Her four *bearers four-bore* from assisting her or staying on the spot another minute—a stain omitted producing a spot on their characters which, doubtless, will be the subject of two or three minutes from the authorities. Not satisfied, the monsters expressed a desire for her pie-jammers. I'm not quite sure about the authography of this word, not being a Hindustani myself; but presume it's connected with something nice. Anyhow, in attempting to supply them she got mixed in her raiment and tied herself up in an inextricable knot, requiring the loan of one of the robbers' swords to cut, at the same time requesting the gentlemen to turn their interesting backs while she unperformed her toilet, which, no sooner had the gallant thieves done, than One, Two, Three, Four, and in less than a trice (by-the-bye, how long is a trice? About as long as a piece of string?) one bobbythief was looking for his head, another was 'clove to the chine'—and a good chop too—while the third, remembering an appointment he had a long distance off, started off at a pace that shewed his anxiety to make up for lost time. Our (or rather *your*) dauntless little heroine then awaited her husband's seeking; and he's got a prize, Sir (and a surprise) in his bride that most men may envy. Altogether the police seem to be extinguishing themselves. The foregoing gentlemen would have done credit to the Court of St. Petersburgh or to the Turkish Ministry. The playful soubriquet of "Robert" to a policeman will soon have to be spelt *everywhere* without a 't' and with an extra 'b.' The paper does not state in what portion of Lucknow this occurred, whether in good or bad *luck*, or whether now or then.

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Russia is still losing and Turkey not. We are generally rejoiced at this, though it is hard to say why. Doubtless they're *arcades ambo*, blackguards both, as Byron (Lord, not H. J. of "our Boys" celebrity) has it. My opinion is that the vast majority of the English sympathy being with the Turk is due to the usual cause of English sympathy, that he is the weaker party. I understand by my private telephone that the Turkish soldiers have strict injunctions not to hurt Russian officers of any grade, as it will be impossible to replace them with anything like such bad ones. The Czar's removed a little further off. He's sick of witnessing the cruelties that he's conjured up: so they must be great, for the stomach of an elephant or a polecat would turn before that of a Russian Emperor. As far as the Pass of Shipka is concerned, the result of their deliberation is

'Try not the Pass, the old man said.'

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There is an interesting animal that keeps its natural foes at a safe distance by its grateful power of emitting at will such a stench that clears the forest for miles of all intruders. The Turks have heard thereof and profited. More than 10,000 cattle did they leave putrefying round houses and at bottom of all the wells in Saukhonm Kale. The incoming Russians (the lower classes of whom are not celebrated for the greatness of number of their incomes) thought they smelt a rat. A few sniffs were sufficient. Verdict:—Stunk out. This was, as it were, by instink'd. They remarked that the Otto-man was not an Otto-of-Roses-man by any means. Frederick Bozh, Esq., the *Standard's* Russian correspondent, has been expelled for expounding the Cossack's plans and general (and privates') non-admiration of their delightful character. Up to latest accounts, he still survives, enjoying his usual health and spirits (rum and whiskey).

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A man's just walked 160 miles in 47 hours and 25 minutes, dying from heart disease next day, brought on by the over-exertion. My running feats (feets?) were never remarkable. I can still run the shortest distance in the longest time, and had an uncle (a running footman) who once ran half an hour in five and twenty minutes. He's dead now.* Of latter years I've only managed to outrun the constable. Certainly I keep a running account with you, Sir, † which is

* This is blasphemy.—ED.
† Chokodars! What does the fellow mean?

* Time he was.—ED
† Which will soon stop.—ED.

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the longest Bill I ever ran* and I have been 'run in.'† This latter incident was at Runnymede, where the great Charter received charming King John's unfeigned and cheerful adhesion.‡

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Betsy Surtees finding her husband troublesome determined to get rid of him. What means did she employ? Why "Vermin Killer," of course.

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The nearest word to "baptize" in Japanese, is soak. They are accordingly informed that "In those days came John, the soaker, preaching the soaking of repentance. Repent and be soaked every one of you. This is a reading that would suit our topers.

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Au reservoir! One hundred suicides within the last twelve months have thoughtfully selected the large reservoirs of drinking water at Sheffield for their grave. The verdicts were *not* "fell o' the sea." The perpetrators are said to have been very tankfull; not so the townsfolk, who are putrefied with indignation every time they drink of them.

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In case of a future war between England and France, a novel seat of war will probably be chosen, *viz.*,—half way up (or down) the new submarine tunnel now commenced building under the Straits of Dover. One-half is to be ours, and the other, their's.

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The Mansion House Fund for Relief of the Indian Famine has just reached £300,000, two hundred thousand of which have been sent to you, Sir. Are you really so *very* hungry, Sir?

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The Chinese Boy Emperor has a hahachalsz (orthography entered at Stationer's Hall). This is a boy, whose privilege it is to be whipped for all the faults of his child-sovereign. The exquisite sufferings of the substitute are confidently expected to induce the royal culprit 'not never to do so no more.' Needless to say the hope is vain. The Plebeian lad is always to be seen at his post—the whipping post. "*Quid rides? nomine mutato. de te fabula narratur.*" Do not we all, more or less, according to our means, encourage vicarious punishment for our misdeeds? Are there no political scapegoats for the blunders and corruptions of European Ministers? Do not even *you*, Sir, rejoicing perhaps in a "*domus*" and a "*placeus uxor*," when your black servitor lingers with the brandy or dallies with your nargileh, throw editorial slippers at the cherished partner of your bosom?§ Or when you find your illustrations all behind and have mislaid my current valuable contribution, do you not forthwith 'take it out of' the unfortunate Maharajah that has the honour of cleaning your boots?

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The great Cyclone which has already touched the S. of England was to have visited the N. to-day. Precautions have been suggested to all farmers with their ricks, &c., but up to the present moment (5 P.M.) writing, as I am, from the North. I have heard of nothing unusual. *Ca me plaët Bacup*,‖ as they say about fifty miles from here (Manchester.)

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The Salford stipendiary has decided unanimously that 'the three card trick' is not gambling but a game of skill. The prisoner demonstrated it in court, and he and a police inspector 'spotted' the right card twice out of three times. Clever prisoner! *Pari passu*, 'the purse trick' and 'thimblerig,' would seem to come under the same cate-gory, but they don't; because, in the card trick the card watched is always there; but the money represented is never in the purse, nor in the case of. Now, my noble sportsmen, under which thimble is the little pea?" Is the little pea ever under any of the three thimbles. I *ought* to know, I've done it myself.*

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The whale has died at the Westminster Aquarium. *Hinc illæ lachrymæ.* "He was" as Shakespeare says in his acting edition of Colley Cibber, "take him for a' in a' very like a whale."† The *lachrymæ* referred to above are my inconsolable blubber for the whale. He blew his last tranquilly. His spout will be missed more than Gladstone's. Pongo has now got the field all to himself. The Grill Room at the criterion field bids fair to be eclipsed by the G'rilla Room at the Aquarium. Poor whale, farewell! As Terence remarks at the end of one of his comedies,‡ "Whaley, Whaley."§

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There is a biting, marrow-searching East wind to-day (11th)—perhaps it is the cyclone. It has the effect of making one remarkably dry.‖

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Cleopatra's Needle's arrove! It's considered by connoisseurs to be as ugly a monolith as ever was produced by an art-loving Yankee. This hideous arrangement is to be planted amongst our most delicate Gothic traceries in Westminster instead of in the backyard of the British museum. Antony's Pin has not been heard of. This last is antithetical.¶

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The Church Congress is of opinion that, if the exciting but comparatively innocent game of spellikins were more ecclesiastically encouraged that it would prove a formidable opponent to the worldly but less intrinsically interesting amusements of grand opera and the drama. Long live they to think so!

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And dear, ever dear Tietjens has followed poor Compton to that 'bourne from which no traveller returns' The only legitimate successor of Grisi and leaving no successor to herself. Peace to her *manes!* Were it not profane, I might say something about her angel voice mingling in the heavenly choir—but suffice to say she was as good as she was great; rich in virtue and genius: beloved as much for her domestic as dramatic and vocal qualities.

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And so farewell to you, Sir, for another *quinzaine*. May you reform and eventually prove a blessing to your chokidar** is the heartfelt prayer of

YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

P.S.—You haven't got such a thing as change for a rupee, have you? If so, you can send me 4 annas.

THE REASON WHY.

Nearly two columns of a Madras contemporary were filled a few days ago with a lecture delivered by a native to his fellow-countrymen on "why natives desire Government service." We can give the reason much more concisely. "Because there is good pay, little work, and great opportunities of swaggering over your inferiors."

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* Our name is *not* William.—ED.

† Deuce doubt you.—ED.

‡ Perhaps he means Magna Charta. The adhesion, we presume, was that of the sealing wax.—ED.

§ We will consult our lawyer with regard to the Law of Libel.—ED.

‖ Perhaps this is the Lancashire for *beraconp*.—ED.

* Really, O L L's antecedents seem to have been of the shadiest of the shady. We begin to suspect that the testimonials as to good character and respectability that he sent us signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Spurgeon, the Pope, and Mr. Buckstone, are all—not to put too fine a point on it—forgeries. Indeed, we always suspected the genuineness of the latter.

† Which play is this in? No reference as usual.—ED.

‡ Which?—ED.

§ Our London Lunatic evidently misquotes for "Vale, vale,"—an atrocious cockneyism.—ED.

‖ So has every other wind with *you*, we suspect.—ED.

¶ We cannot open our columns to low language of any sort.—ED.

** He evidently means 'boy' or 'bearer,' but his dialectic zeal is far ahead of his linguistic ability.—ED.

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LAMENTABLE IGNORANCE IN HIGH LIFE.

Her Ladyship.—CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THEY CALL THOSE LARGE FANS THEY HAVE IN INDIA, SWINGING OVER ONE'S HEAD?
His Lordship (who has been in India).—YES, CERTAINLY. "COOLIES," I BELIEVE, IS THE NAME.
Her Ladyship.—COOLIES, TO BE SURE. HOW STUPID OF ME TO FORGET IT. SO VERY APPROPRIATE TOO.

RISUM TENEATIS, AMICI?

The spectacle of virtue indignant is a most enjoyable one, is it not? Of course it is, and that is why it was so pleasing, the other day, to see our good friend, the *Englishman*, come out with such a really-quite-too-awfully-beautiful-you-know article on the filthy style of journalism that is now having such a run at home—the style of which that weekly collection of garbage, the *World*, is so good a specimen. We could perhaps, however, have had as lively a faith in our contemporary's proper disgust if it had *not* printed, in the same number, that example of literary rowdyism with which the Editor of the *Snobs' Gazette* in question recently favoured his fellow snobs. We might also have been not less inclined to admire the remonstrances of our Hare Street friend, if in a neighbouring column its own Paris correspondent had not, curiously in the style of Mr. YATES' *Cads' Oracle*, given an impertinent account of some "Celebrities Abroad," *viz.*, Governor TILDEN and LOUIS BLANC. Perhaps the *Englishman* will give *him* a hint that decent people are not interested in hearing how people, into whose company he finds his way, give him drinks, of "orange, sirop and rhum."

And, finally, we should have found it a good deal easier to take in the *Englishman's* distress at the style of smut-and-snobbery which it reprobates if its own pages were not adorned every week with the productions of that most offensive of snobs, REIS EFFENDI.

TO THE SCORE.

The unprotected in Calcutta have now the satisfaction of feeling themselves safe. If any are otherwise they are most unreasonable; because, why have not the Mounted volunteers of Calcutta had their Muster Parade and numberd a score.

Modesty, we believe, has stood in the way of the Mounted Volunteers appearing in greater numbers. Other reasons have been given, but we believe modesty is the sole and pure reason. The present attempt to form a mounted corps has, we understand, been encouraged by Government in every reasonable way. Yet the Members turn out in numbers that, if all were made officers, would not represent a very large body of men. But did not the brave 600 perform deeds of valour on a far larger field against overwhelming odds; so why should not the gallant score do wonders on our plain. Try once more for a muster and let the modest man who calls it only give his name—and then, and then we dread the rush, and so does our dog Toby.

An Unintentional Compliment.

The *Statesman*, intending to be severe on the *Daily News*, writes: "the *Daily News* descending with natural ease to the level of *Charivari*." Now if the News has descended to the level of *Charivari*, how far superior it must always have been to the *Statesman*. He who runs may read.

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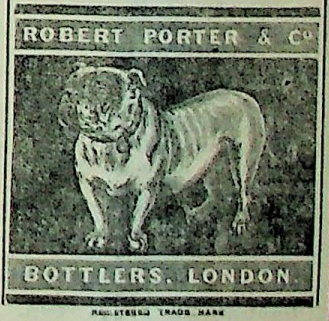
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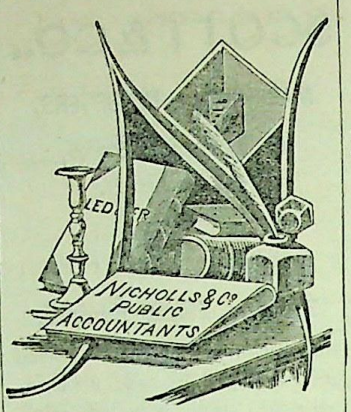
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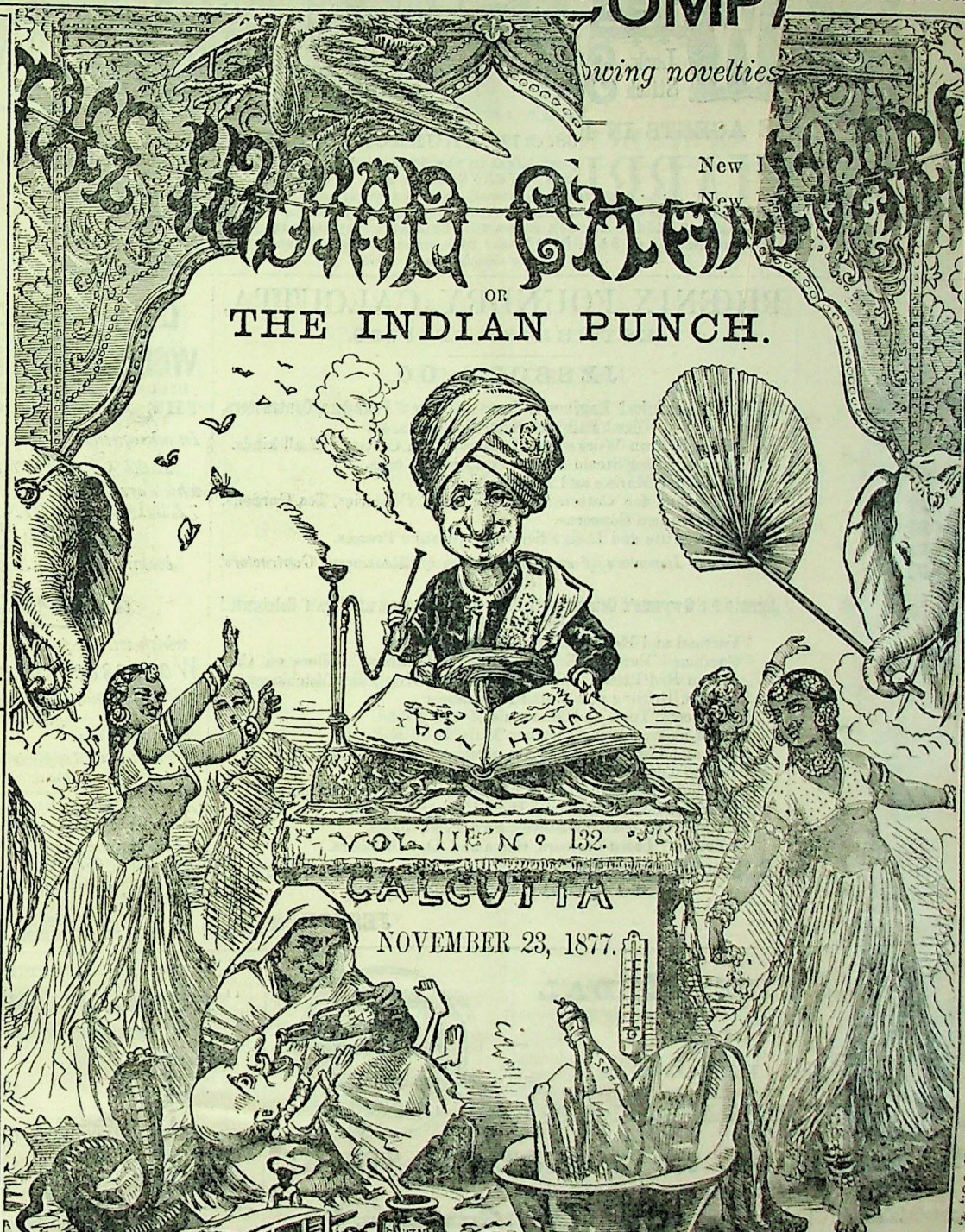
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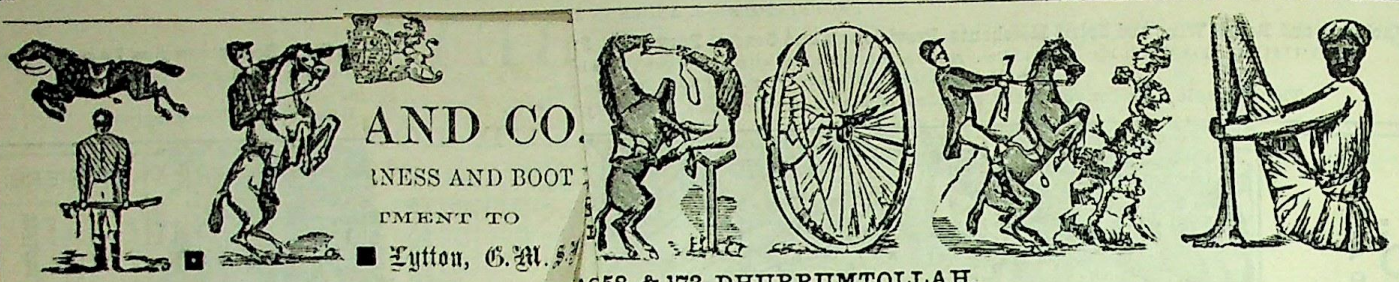
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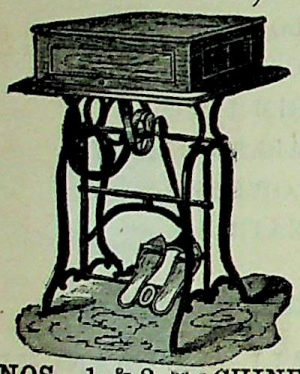
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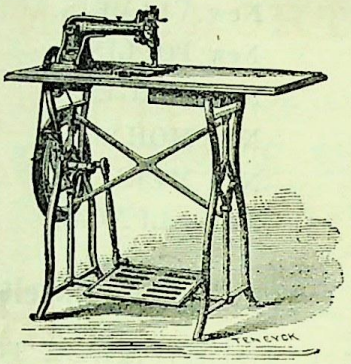
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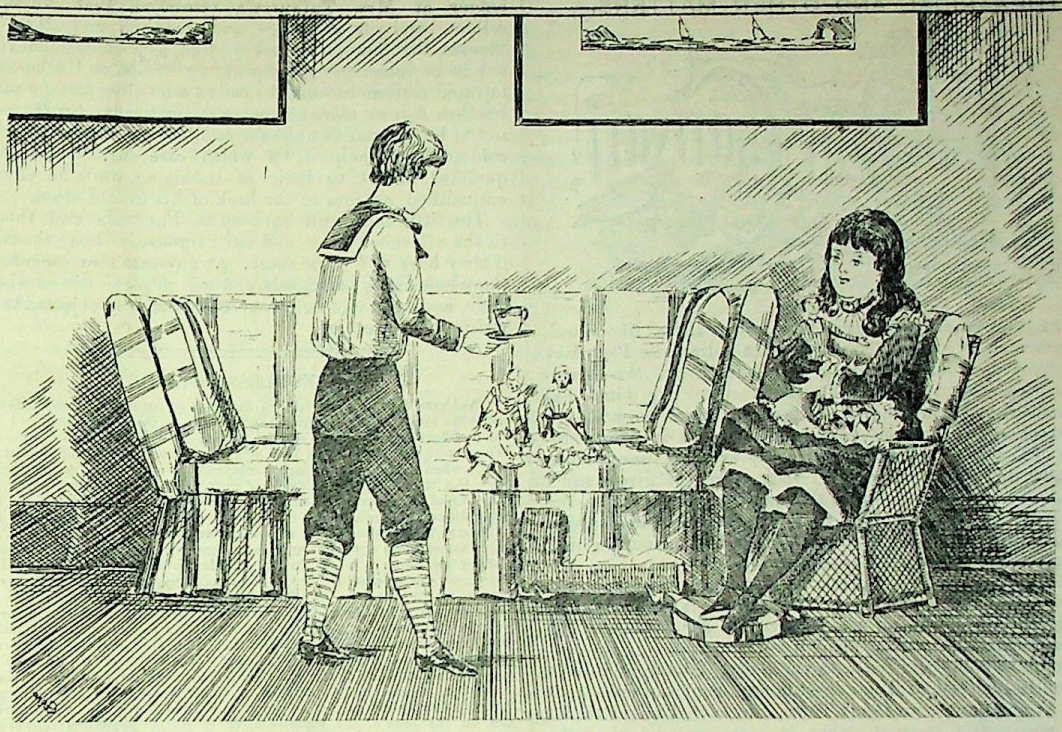
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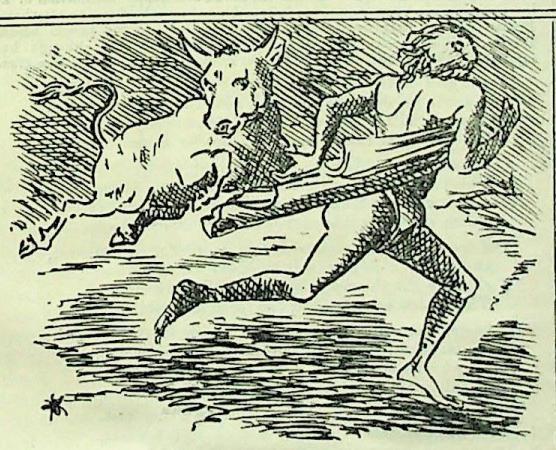
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"WISE IN HER GENERATION."

Jack (with cup of Senna Tea for his own drinking).—"HERE YOU ARE, ETHEL; LADIES FIRST, YOU KNOW."
Ethel.—"OH YES, JACK, OF COURSE: 'CEPT ON SENNA TEA MORNINGS."



"Moses in the Bull-rushes."

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Quite right, having made a handsome profit, it is only proper he should be willing to "pay the piper."

THE "MIRROR" AGAIN.

Apropos of the demise of *The Leader*, *The Indian Mirror* hastens, after the manner of the Chivalrous Bengali, to exult in the decease of a powerful antagonist. A very poor dog indeed, dear *Mirror*, can snarl with impunity at a dead lion. But perhaps we should apologise for volunteering this information, of which you seem to be already in possession, but what does this pretty little paragraph in your article mean:—

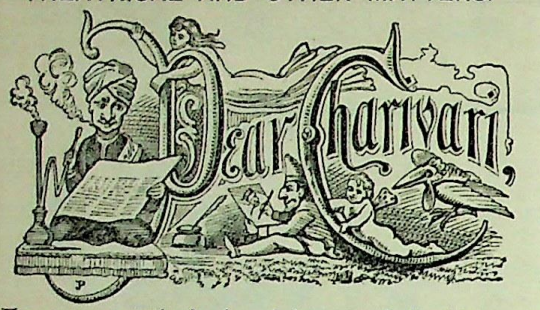
We thought that the game at fomenting race-antagonism was left only to such journals as the *Charivari* and *Pickwick Journal*. For all comic papers in India, it now appears, think it to be their special vocation to revile the Natives and Native Press. Mr. Hutton's writings have painfully convinced us of one fact. There can be no relying upon the advocacy of the Native cause by Anglo-Indian papers. The only Anglo-Indian writer who has hitherto been a consistent friend of the Natives, through good report and evil report, is Mr. Robert Knight. All honor to that man.

Poor little *Mirror*, *Charivari* doesn't want to foment race-antagonism, though it may laugh occasionally at native absurdities, as it does at European follies. *Charivari* wishes to treat the natives justly, not to see them coddled, dear *Mirror*, or put into places they are unfitted to hold. And as to opposing the native press—let the native press leave off consistently backing up natives in every question, whether right or wrong, and dare to be just even though it have to condemn a native; let it cease to be an unscrupulous advocate and assume the position and dignity of a judge, and *Charivari* will be the first to hail and welcome the change. As the *Mirror's* columns are at present conducted *Charivari* must of necessity often be at variance with the opinions therein advanced; and, though disagreeing in many things with the able Editor of the *Statesman*, whom *Charivari* is sorry to see exulting over the *Leader's* death, he yet fails to see what he has done to deserve such an indignity as praise from the *Mirror*.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



Your representative has been beleaguered, Sir, like a walled Armenian city, or as though he were a dramatic Plevna by individuals desirous of having his opinion on the Enson-Edwardes' controversy. "Yours as you pay him" has declined to side with either faction, and till now he has kept the secret of his opinion safe locked in the innermost recesses of the citadel, of which his manly breast is the outwork. And now, Sir, to you only shall that secret be given up. I think then, dear old boy,* that the lady who bears away the palm is Miss—but no Sir! Upon the brink of that declaration I pause. Why should my preference be made public? Content ye my friends. The ladies both, are good.

"Let both divide the crown."

They both played finely in the *School for Scandal*, as did Mr. Edwin Shepherd, who is as good a *Sir Peter*, as your representative has seen for many a years.

I am not greatly smitten with the *Ballet Troupe*, and don't pretend to understand *Yolande*—the argument notwithstanding. Your young man about Town, Sir, says, I ought to, for as he pertinently puts it, what is more natural than the whole arrangement. You have a *Provencal* countess' statue in an Italian market-place, while the Japanese "Curios" brought by sailors to the town, when is not stated, of course, would have the effect of transporting the *dramatis personæ* to China, or indeed anywhere else, for the matter of that. This may be true, Sir, and if Mr. Anderson will only play "Yolande" again, I'll try and fathom the mystery, and then I'll tell you all about it. *Aurora Floyd*, *Black Sheep*, *Society*, *Plot and Passion* and *The Pilgrim of Love* burlesque have been produced Sir, and well produced too, and now we are delighting our sinful souls with the naughty *Pink Dominoes*, which is both witty, sparkling, and well constructed.

With opera, Sir, things are going steadily, and favor growing ditto. We have had *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, *La Favorita*, and *Crispino e la Comare*. Since the *Trovatore* they seem to have avoided heavy opera rather, and leaving the meat have given us only the musical confectionery. If I, Sir, might venture to suggest, it would be appropriate and a delicate compliment to himself, if Signor Massa produced *Masaniello*. Though mass in yellow or performed in any other color than the orthodox priestly one has always seemed to me Sir out of place, and anything out of place, Sir, can't pay its way, I know I hardly manage it when I'm in one.†

A musical Hibernian friend of mine, one Corney T. Piston, was going to write me a learned disquisition on the vexed "C", "D" question, for insertion here; but, in the most *seedee* manner has sold me at the last moment; but though sold, my vexation at his behaviour is unhealed. This Shoemaker's joke, Sir, I consider rather *apropos* to the *Crispino* opera‡ and the right sort of thing in a musical critique§

Airec, Sir, has arrived, and turns out to be of the gymnastic fraternity. He has joined the Circus, and the Trapeze is the Trap he's using to attract the public, as my Yankee fellow lodger at Mrs. Tufkurry's remarked, that Airec, *airec*cellent, and you should go and see him and Mr. Talbot Shields, the bounding Jockey who, as a sensational rider, is one to be remembered. Springing booted on the horse when in rapid motion cannot be called a bootless feat (wouldn't a bootless foot be more correct, grammatically, Sir?*), and it's not to be sneezed at unless indeed any in the audience have a cold and can't help it, in which case Mr. Shields gives a qualified assent to their so indulging, while he effects his *un*qualified ascents to the back of his gallant steed.

The little folks still turn up in hundreds and thousands to the afternoon show, and eat "hundreds and thousands" if they have any while there. At any rate they seem to enjoy the whole thing immensely and will miss the Circus when it's gone, and he would be a sour cuss, Sir, who objected to their visiting it while here.

* Confound your familiar insolence.—Ed.
† We know it—Ed.
‡ Do you; tastes differ—Ed.
§ If this be a critique—but never mind!—Ed.

"NOBLESSE OBLIGE."

"*Noblesse Oblige.*"—Certainly; but sometimes feelings must suffer acutely under the strictness of the maxim in India, if all that a correspondent informs us, a magistrate or other district official "on tour" has to endure, be true. We are told that there is one kind of village hospitality which he must always accept when in front of a village "*chopal.*" Nothing will satisfy the villagers. But that he desires a drink of milk. The time may be 6 p. m., and the imbibing of this beverage means the impossibility of enjoying the 7 o' clock camp dinner; but hospitality is not to be rejected. The unhappy man consents to renew the reminiscences of infancy, and the milk is called for. Presently half a dozen brass vessels of various shapes are produced, one at least containing *gûr* and a *lotah*, full of scalding-hot milk. With much difficulty the people are persuaded that the guest infinitely prefers milk without *gûr*, and give up mixing the two. A various number of people have meanwhile dipped their fingers into the milk, just to see that it is hot enough and of the proper quality. In despair, the victim declares that he cannot drink hot milk, and would prefer water. Water? Never! The milk shall be cooled for the great Sahib and protector of the poor. It is thereupon immediately poured into several flat brass dishes, and men set to work to blow on it vigorously or to fan it with hand punkahs, a finger being dipped in every second, to feel how the cooling process is going on. Then comes the test of self-sacrifice on the part of the representative of British power and official courtesy To pour the milk back from the flat vessels to the *lotah*, a narrow sluice gate is formed on the rim of the dish by two very dirty hands, and through these the milk tumbles back. Then we are told that, shutting his eyes and holding his breath, while a visible shudder permeates his frame, the magistrate, deputy commissioner, or other mouthpiece of England in the East, convulsively swallows what he can of the liquid, and hurriedly rides away. Inwardly his physical organization may be terribly discomposed, but mentally all is at peace within him. He has the proud and happy satisfaction of knowing that his condescension has fastened another link of native attachment to British rule, and that by displaying that courtesy to the people which the Prince of Wales came to India to inculcate and exemplify, although he may injure his digestion, he does the State good service.—*Civil and Military Gazette.*

In the cool of the evening a district official
Towards his camp by the tank near the mango tree rides,
He is worn with his work, and his functions judicial,
And soft past the village in silence he glides.

Ah! but vain is his hope to elude hospitality,
Which though hearty a little too primitive seems,
Out each villager flocks to go through the formality,
Which neglected, his *chopal* dishonoured he deems.

And the *lotahs* of brass, with the scalding milk crowned,
And others with *gûr* in them lifted on high,
With their hot steamy fragrance the Sahib surround,
Who wishes in vain from the scene he could fly.

In haste he explains that the milk he likes cold.
Cannot take it with *gûr*, and would water prefer
But his host's hospitality not even for gold,
Would *panee* dispense to the *ghureeb purwar*.

So they fan it with fans, and with fingers they test,
How the process of cooling is working the while,
And as each dingy digit dip follows the rest,
The great Sahib must wait on his tat with a smile.

But at last it is ready and through the canal,
Formed by hands not too clean it is back again poured,
And politeness demands, though his stomach cabal,
That great Sahib must drink the contents of the gourd.

He gulphs it, he bows and he turns to the tank,
His whole frame to fierce inward commotion a prey,
But his mind is at ease for his courtesy frank
Reached the villager's heart by a *true milky way*.

* Don't ask absurd questions.—Ed.

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RAILWAY "WUT."

A lunatic on the Madras side, whose long contemplation of Railway matters, apparently has shut out the contemplation of anything beyond their sphere, sends us the following batch of conundrums:—

Q.—Why is the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway Company an Ecclesiastical Edifice as well as an official of the Railway?

A.—Because he is a Church.

Q.—Why is the Traffic Manager of the South Indian Railway like a man who makes a wager?

A.—He Betts.

Q.—Why is the Deputy Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway Company a very green young man?

A.—He is Moss.

Q.—What Bird reminds you of the Traffic Manager of the G. I. P. Railway?

A.—The Condor—(Conder).

Q.—Why is Traffic Manager of the E. I. Railway same like one drayman?

A.—He is a Carter.

Q.—Why must the S. P. and D. Traffic Manager be a single Gentlemen?

A.—He is a Batchelor.

Shai Ali.

SIX MONTHS AT SEA.

By a confirmed Land Lubber.

I was, and, for the matter of that, am still, of a restless disposition, and consequently loathe, being in any one place for any considerable length of time.

When I was sixteen years of age my father determined I should go into a counting house. I, on the other hand, determined I should keep out of all such places. In my own imagination nature intended me to pass a considerable part of my existence on the "briny deep," and I was moreover firmly convinced that I should become a discoverer of hitherto unknown regions, receive the thanks of the Royal Geographical Society, so often, that at length they would become monotonous. I should end my days covered with honor and glory; a monument would be erected in Westminster Abbey to my memory; the deeds of Columbus, Cook, Ross, &c., should pale before mine, even as the humble and modest flare of a farthing dip seems to blush for very shame when exposed to the transcendant glory of a blaze of limelight. I had intended to have gone into the Royal Navy, but circumstances, over which my father had a great deal of control, prevented me; hence I determined to go into the mercantile marine. Many bitter tears did I shed that I should never be able to outshine Nelson, but after a while philosophy came to my aid, telling the old story that the fruits of peaceful, if perilous, adventures would benefit mankind in general, and myself in particular. It was with these truly noble and creditable thoughts in my mind that I entered my father's study, determined to ask his blessing.

"Father," said I in a subdued voice, "I have made up my mind to go to sea." "The devil you have, you good for nothing scapegrace," was the ungracious reply. "Well, well," he continued, "if it must be, it it must be so, go and be (d—d" to you he was going to say but pulled himself up with a cough at the first d, and inserted instead of the anathema) a sailor."

My sister Mary, after shedding copious tears, recovered sufficiently, (during the evening of the day on which I had acquainted the author of my being with my aquatic intention) to be able to sing A Life on the Ocean Wave, and several other interesting, if somewhat stale, marine melodies. She was, in fact, the only one of the family who took a peestical and sentimental view of the situation. My father's profession, that of lawyer, prevented him from having any sentiment, and my mother was a thoroughly practicable woman, and thought it would be a good thing for me to go to sea, as I was sure to get tired of it, after which, she affirmed, I would settle down to some respectable business, (she emphasised the word respectable, thereby insinuating that the sea was disreputable) and make money, be a blessing to my parents in their old age, and a good many other things which I had not the slightest intention of being. I may here mention that I am a native of one of the dirtiest towns in Scotland, *viz.* Greenock, and doubtless if this article should ever catch the eye of those in authority in that part of the world, I shall be sought out and presented with the freedom of the city; not, however, an illumined Vellum and placed in a casket, but in the shape of bad eggs thrown at my devoted head, should I enter the place again, for having so gracefully suggested the great need of brooms, so gayly whistling Buy a Broom. I bring this short and anything but sweet description of a flourishing town to a close. It was the 7th of October that I went to Glasgow to join the good ship "City of Bondabad," belonging to the well-known firm of Jack, Robinson & Co.

It was a cloudy morning in October when we were towed from the Bromielaw, with three-fourths of our crew considerably the worse for liquor, and singing at the top of their voices "We are na fou we're na that fou. But just a we drap in our ie." After we got into the open sea I began to feel extremely unwell. Suddenly I made a rush towards the bulwarks, and was very sick indeed. "That's right!" "Quite right" (said a cheerful voice at my elbow), "get out all your land ballast!" After heaving overboard my land ballast I sought my bunk, which was one of six, within a small house on deck called the kitchen. Three other apprentices *N.B.*—(We called ourselves midshipmen on shore) share a the kitchen with me; for convenience I shall call them Tom, Dick, and Harry. No sooner had I reached my berth than I remembered I had some brandy in my chest, given me in case of my getting sea-sick. I helped myself to some of the nauseous stuff, and was putting back the medicine, when I observed my three mess-mates suddenly throw themselves, faces undermost, on their berths and commence groaning as if in agony. "Always the way with me," said Dick gasping, "feel ill and can't get it up." Being naturally of a good-natured disposition, I gave my companions a dose of brandy each. This, I am happy to say, revived them all instantaneously, for, as soon as they had swallowed the spirits, they lit their pipes, shaking with laughter the whole time.

To be continued.

CONCISE CRITICISMS NO. III.

"The Evils of cramming."—Ask the boys the day after Christmas day.

"A first lesson on glaciers."—The first slide on a piece of orange peel on the pavement.

"Why the light went out?"—Probably because some one blew it out.

"Some neglected articles of food."—What is left after a charity school feast.

"A Doctor's holiday."—When his patients are all well, or he has none.

"What is produced by heat?"—A well-cooked dinner.

"Examples of contemporary art.—Mr. Wilson's Circus posters.

"The art of beauty."—Consult Madame Rachel.

"Indian Summer."—Lasts all the year round.

"A discord."—The music of the Town Band.

"Men of Mark."—Deserters marked with the letter D.

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EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

"LOOK AT THAT HORRID HINDU MAKING AN EXHIBITION OF HIMSELF."
"HINDU? NOT A BIT OF IT. THAT MUST BE ONE OF THE RECENT CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY."
"A CHRISTIAN! HOW SHOCKING! BUT WHY DO YOU THINK SO?"
"SIMPLY BECAUSE HE IS DRUNK."

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

The London Correspondents of the better class of our Indian Journals are, if not very profound, *Charivari* is constrained to admit at least usually, sensible and amusing. It is therefore with some surprise that he reads the following in the columns of his Lahore contemporary, under the heading *Turf Stage and Town*, which bears the signature *Jack O' Lantern* :—

The Stauntons are a queer lot. There was a Staunton once who seduced a young girl—just like Louis Staunton. And the young girl had a baby—just like Alice Rhodes. And the young girl came to lie in prison—just like Alice Rhodes. And she was reprieved at the last moment—just like Alice Rhodes. George Staunton was the man's name, *alias* Geordie Robertson, and the young girl's name was Effie Deans. For further particulars see "The Heart of Midlothian."

Now, isn't that a touching and sensible allusion to the Penge case? And what must be the state of the writer's mind when he can find nothing else to say about it, than to refer to Scott's novel for a parallel of this sort, which appears to be *apropos* to nothing. Why such a tissue of inconsequence escaped the Editorial pruning knife it is hard to say, but———well we have it on record that Homer sometimes nodded, and so *Charivari* supposes, an Indian Editor must occasionally do the same.

THE WORD FROM THE RIGHT QUARTER.

We are glad to learn that, at the instance of the Duke of Buckingham, the Committee of the Madras Famine Fund have telegraphed as follows to the Lord Mayor of London :—

"Your Lordship's exertions have brought such liberal aid from all quarters that, under present favourable prospects, we gratefully say collections may cease."

To this the Lord Mayor has replied :—

"Mansion House will make no further appeal; they will collect all subscriptions from local committees and other sources with the least possible delay; the accounts will be audited, and the balance remitted on account thereof. Twenty thousands pounds is remitted to-day.

There, dear *Pi*, you needn't have been in such a hurry to warn the public that the famine was over. Our Madras friends were, as you may now see, no unnecessary beggars, and with a self respecting reliance have shown themselves ready to help themselves, without outside aid from private generosity at home. *Charivari's* advice to you, dear *Pi*, is to mend your ways, and to recollect also that, if private aid be no longer required, the crippled finances of the Empire may yet require assistance, and if you would lend your influence to help us to get a grant-in-aid from Parliament, you would very handsomely condone your previous sins of omission and commission.

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FROM OUR YOUNG MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Sir,—The price must be raised. If I am to go about town, as you expect me to do, in search of news—often a very wild goose chase in Calcutta—my remuneration must be raised now that I am exposed to be foot-padded and highway-robbered by bands of bold Eurasians armed with rulers and other deadly weapons. These gallant imitators of Dick Turpin for some nights made it dangerous for ayahs or equally feeble Bengalee babus to cross the maidan after dark, and succeeded in robbing some persons of a few rupees, annas, pice and a *lotah*. Now, they are perhaps repenting of their misdeeds in No. 1, but I think a good flogging all round would have been a fitter punishment for them than two months in prison. They are nearly sure to come out of jail worse characters than when they went in, and therefore may again take to their old tricks on the Empress's highway. And some of the gang also still remain at large, having adopted the prudent course of giving evidence against the others. One of them was, I see, a private tutor. He must be a nice young man to teach the young idea. Therefore, I say again. Sir, on the true commercial principal—I have been reading Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" lately—the greater the risk the greater should be the gain. At intervals, for many years, we have heard of occasional highway robberies on the maidan, but I can recollect very few instances in which the robbers have been brought to justice. Can it be that these also were perpetrated by Eurasian youths, and that traditions of successful footpaddery have been handed down to excite the love of cheaply-earned metals in the rising generation of Eurasia? But I may perhaps be allowed to ask no uncommon question, where were the police? I have long given up all idea of ever hoping to see the Calcutta police distinguish themselves in the detection of crime, but the presence only of one *parawalla* would have been sufficient to frighten away our gallant Eurasians. However, bad as the Calcutta police is, that of Madras seems to beat them. A police station was lately broken into at night in that benighted presidency, and the records and some three hundred rupees stolen. It turned out that some of the policemen were implicated in the robbery, so we may well ask *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes*, in this case.

Barrackpore has furnished us with another truly enjoyable day's racing, no accident occurring to mar the enjoyment of any one on the second day, and the ball on the previous evening having been a sight to see. But as the invitations said people were requested to come in calico, why did they not do so? Some of the ladies complied with the request, and very pretty and showy dresses glazed coloured calico made for some of the pretty dears, but all the calico discernable about most of the gentlemen was in their collars, shirt fronts and wristbands, and these, I am given to understand, are generally made of linen. So it was a case of no calico with them. Another great ball was that given in the name of the press reporters at the Rink. I say in *the name of*, for I believe it was a subscription ball, pure and simple, no reporter paying any more than any one else who took a ticket. But the ball was very nearly not coming off at all, for at the last minute almost there was a deficiency of funds wherewith to pay the musicians, and the musicians went on the principle of "no money, no music." So some of the promoters had to rush off in haste to sell a few tickets for ready money, which they succeeded in doing, and the ball duly came off. The Engineers' dinner at the Rink was a more successful affair I hear, but not being an Engineer I was not there to see. I saw the Rink however, gaily decorated before the dinner came off, and I consider that it makes a better and certainly a prettier dining-room than the Town Hall, so our Scotch friends might take this hint for their dinner on St. Andrews' Day.

A Scotch friend, by the bye, has clearly explained to me why the firm of Messrs. Borradaile, Schiller & Co. had suspended payment. He says they had "borrowed all the siller" they could, and no one would give them any more.

Gup.

KUNSTABL Y ON A MEASURE OF GRANDMOTHERLY GOVERNMENT.

Ow pleasant it is by Grate Gush to be roold!
Wich is wigilance for us nare sleeps;
Wot hif by the Baboos he's reglar befooled?
He's busted them wile wicked Sweeps!

"Mischeevious," sezee, "is these bage goins hon,
Which with Heden I foolly agrees,
Tho, if haxed as to wot grounds I hargues upon,
I cooldn't reply with much ease.

But you see Goody-Goody's the tip now-a-days,
Hand gamblin's himnoral, we knoose,
Hand if men isn't made walk in wirtuous ways,
Why, slick to the Devil they gose.

It's hall werry well for to talk of the zest.
A chance in a Sweep gives to life,
I don't feel to want it and, *I* trust know best,
Wot soots hall the World—and is wife.

A Roag as ten dibs for a ticket woold pay,
Is in corse a born willin and thief,
And don't deserve nort but hall work and no play,
Hand—in short—Ill' bring all sich to grief.

Suppose that he drops, playin private at cards,
More than never at Sweeps he would lose,
Never mind; Prigs (hespecial when Wiceroys and Bards),
Rules the Roast and will do as they choose!

Soo-blime is these sentymints, ain't 'em, my friends,
Hand a moddle of Lojik quite rich!
Yore hall rite so long as yer money you spends,
Hon euchre, blind ooky, and sich.

But if you but dares to go hin for them Sweeps,
You'll rend all Prigs' buzzums with pane,
And they sez, as they hover yer willany weeps,
"We'll take care you don't do it again."

Then let us be jyful hand grattytood show,
For Gush in our Roolers—Sweet Boon!
Wich the Natives to twig it ain't any ways slow,
Has they showed tother day at Rangoon.*

We are hall wicked now, but perhaps by and bye,
Wot with Buckingham, Lytton & Co.,
Our wice'll hall wanish, and then, ho, my hi,
Shan't we make a bee-you-ti-ful show!

* See recent letter of *Times'* correspondent as to the effect of the Fuller case in Burmah.

NOT SO SHADY.

A Gond in the Central Provinces is to be identified by the fact that he has a serious objection to the shadow of any one falling upon him, and the description goes on to say, "he is very particular about this." The last wish that this Gond would utter to a friend would run, "May your shadow never grow less." In fact, he would rather wish them to become shadowless. But how true to the nature of all of us is this feeling of the child of nature. No one likes to be overshadowed by another in any walk of life, the only difference being that the Gond objects to the actual and civilised individuals to the ideal overshadowing.

"Shorn Relics."—The cuttings of our hair and nails.

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A RIGHT APPRECIATION OF MERIT.

Mr. Smallman (patronizingly).—YOU SEE OUR SEX ENJOYS SUCH FREEDOM AND ADVANTAGES.
Miss Talboys.—YES, AND LAYS OURS UNDER GREAT OBLIGATIONS. I SHOULD LIKE TO BE A MAN! SUCH PROTECTION.

OUT OF TYPE.

The Superintendent of the Bengal Secretariat Press invites "the gentleman who saw *the* packet of type" thrown from that press, on a certain morning, to communicate with him. To what particular packet of type does he allude by *the* packet, or are we to understand that packets of type are often thrown out of the press; but that this was one particular packet? How was *the* gentleman to know that this was *the* packet to which he was to pay so much attention? And again, why *the* gentleman, and how does *the* Superintendent know that only one, and that *the* gentleman, saw the type thrown out? It is a sort of insult to all respectable men passing along Chowringhee on the aforesaid morning, to select one of them as *the* gentleman.

If the Superintendent is out of type, he need not get out of English at the same time.

The Travancore Scandal.

Captain Gray was lately fined Rs. 1,000, or three months' imprisonment, for libelling the Revd. Mr. Pettigrew. The story may be shortly summarised as follows:—

It was very wrong of the Captain
Wicked libels to write of the Chaplain,
The Captain's in quod
The Priest thanks his God,
And the public a good bit of Gup gain.

GRINS FROM GRIFFINS.

A GRIFF, or new arrival, was lately conversing with an old resident about living in Calcutta, when the latter happened to remark that "there were lots of chummeries." "Dear me," said the new arrival," "What are they, nice people?"

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A LADY of a botanical turn of mind lately visited a friend who had a number of pine-apple plants growing in her garden. "How long will it be before these bear fruit?" asked the new arrival. "About two years," said her friend. "But where does the fruit grow?" asked the griff. "From the top, of course," was the reply. "Oh, I am so glad you told me," said the griff, "for I have a lot in my garden, and I this morning told the *mallee* to dig some up to see if the fruit was ripe. What will the man think of me?

Both the above are facts.

Conundrum.

"FROM MADRAS—DIRECT."

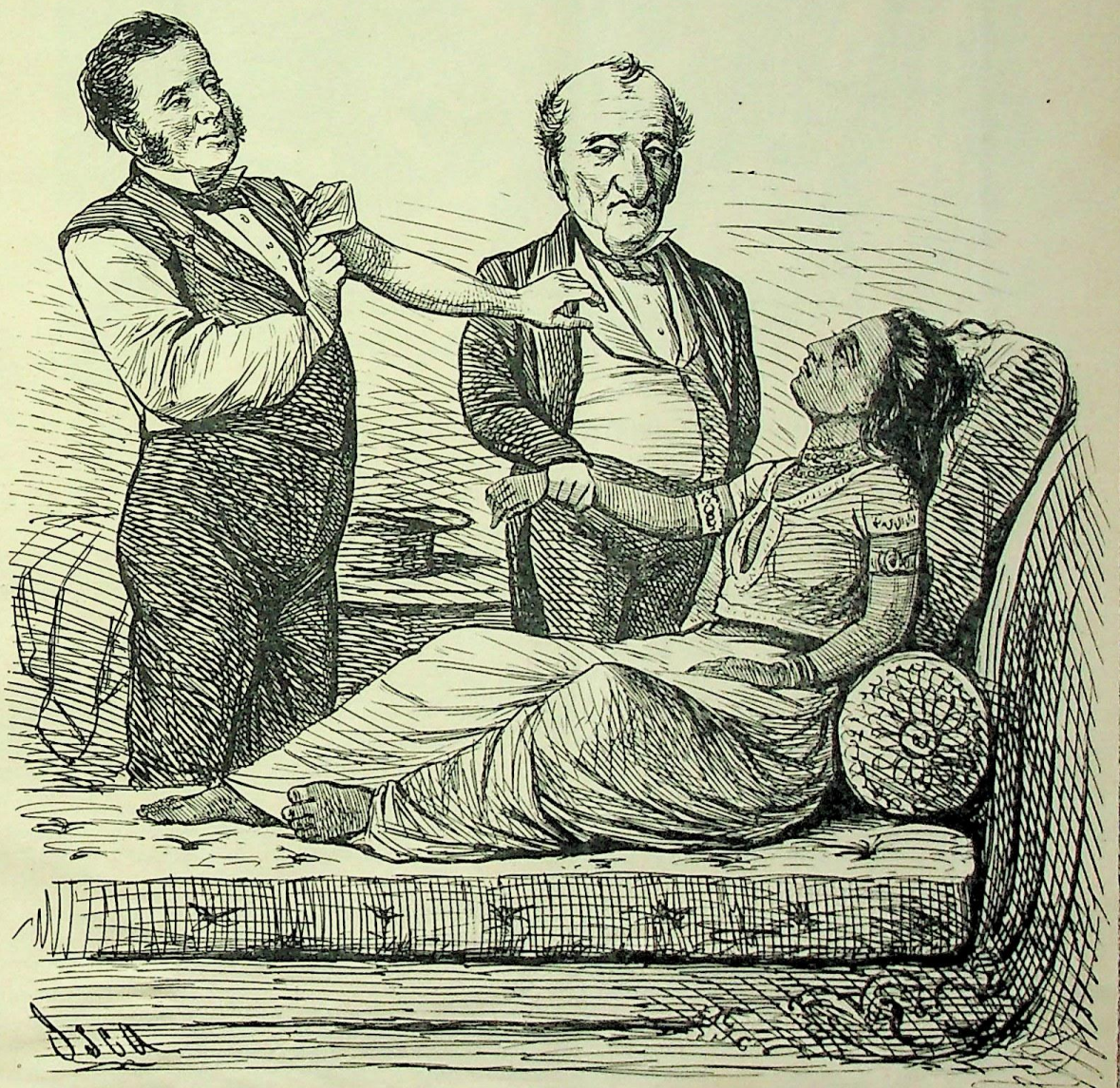
If "Tommy Atkins" were to ask you to characterise his dinner, why would your reply call up, in "unprejudiced minds," immediate cannibalistic visions?

Because you would tell him "It's *your ration*." (Eurasian).

NOTE.—We have offered a handsome reward for the discovery of the malignant perpetrator of this scurrilous attempt at witticism, and when we find him we will hand him over to the tender mercies of the lady students at the *Madras Medical College*.

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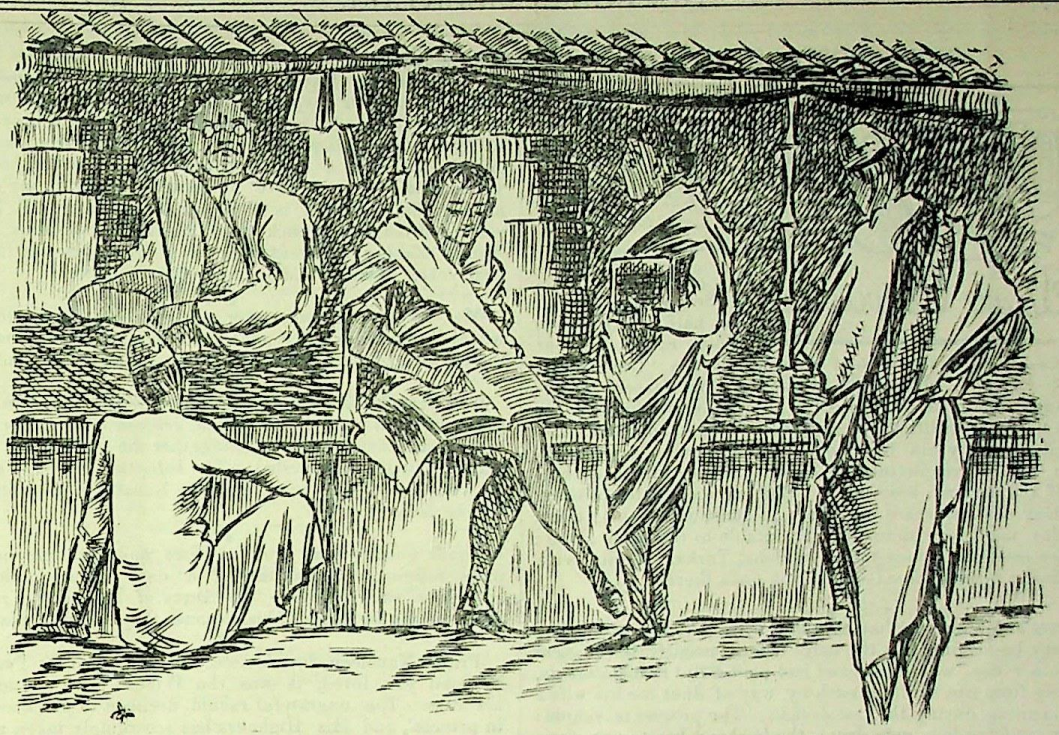
Dr. Charivari.—WHAT THE PATENT REQUIRES IS THE TRANSFUSION OF FRESH BLOOD INTO THE FINANCIAL ARTERIES.
John Bull (baring his arm.)—HERE DOCTOR, TAKE SOME FROM ME, I CAN SPARE IT.

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YOUNG BENGAL.—A FRAGMENT OVERHEARD IN THE BAZAR.

Learned Student (reads).—"THE ISTATE OF THE CEEVEELEESATION——."
Admiring Listener.—"OH, YIS."
L. S.—"IN THEE TIME WHEN THEE ROMANS VEESEETED THE ——."
A. L.—"OH, YIS."
L. S.—"COUNTRY, WAS NOT AS IT IS I SUPPOSED ——."
(*A volley of unparliamentary language from the shop-keeper here puts learned youth to flight.*)

FOREIGN NEWS.

We have just extracted the following from a Madras journal:—

The latest news from Acheen is of a very favourable nature for the Dutch. The Rajahs of Samalangan and Merdoe have submitted, and now every State of any importance on the North, West and East coasts has acknowledged the Netherlands Supremacy. It is the general opinion that the chief task of the Dutch Military is now accomplished, and that it only remains for the Civil authorities to cement relations with the Achinese.

This is good news. The Acheen (aching) head can now rest in peace for a while, and freed from their wearisome marches the Dutch soldiery can rest their Achinese (aching knees).

Evangelical.

CLERGYMEN AFLOAT.—The following corrections is to be made in the Pay Code for India, Volume I, "British Troops:"—Article 1260. Add—"When it is found necessary to appoint a clergyman to accompany troops proceeding home *viâ* the Suez Canal, he will be allowed £50, provided the number of troop does not fall below 100, the clergyman making his own arrangements for passage."

There, after that who shall say that Government is careless of "Tommy Atkins'" welfare. It gives him a Sir Frederick Haines to approve and confirm a five years' sentence when he, Tommy, gets court-martialled for striking a tyrannical non-commissioned officer, and when afloat values his religious instruction at two shillings for the voyage, supposing the parson gets his passage for forty pounds. Truly with such measureless liberality and kindness it is wonderful the service is not more popular.

FETISH WORSHIP IN BOMBAY.

The *Bombay Gazette* has got an Idol, and in the person of Sir Richard Temple, worships the rising sun with a vengeance. What has come over our vigorous and incisive contemporary? Is the Parsee Element so strong around and about him that he is unconsciously urged to this species of fire worship? It is impossible to say.

But let the Idol beware, if he should cease to please his adorer. Then there will be a day of Wrath indeed, when awakened from the spell of present admiration, lickspittle shall be substituted by license, and even, as he does to the *Times of India*, even so and more shall he do unto Sir Richard Temple by to-morrow about this time.

The Score—Not 20.

No; the score is not 20, but if you take out the cipher you get the correct number of the grand-total of our Mounted Defenders. *Charivari* hears they had their second Muster on the morning of the 7th November, (preserve the date, 'twill be an era in their annals,) and numbered Two. Our gallant and brave Defender's bane modesty will be the death of them. It is not true the Deputy Commissioner has intimated to the Troop that they must not muster in such large numbers as to bring them under the designation of an "unlawful assembly." Some of the eager and zealous think the recent turn-out is d—d disheartening. Let them give a howl, and we will send Toby to help.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Charivari,

Seven millions and a half do we pay, poor rates, for our Unions—the Jacks in office of which are *not* the "Union Jacks of old England," referred to by the poet, but deserve jacketing—and then, so intense is the admiration of the poor for those noble institutions, that a woman who had maintained herself ninety years by needlework preferred starving to death before completing her century, sooner than avail herself of the national hospitality. She left a daughter of sixty, who may possibly share her fate. In addition to this, many suicides take place annually, attributable to the same cause; and we send out money to the wounded Turks. Verily, with us, charity begins abroad—and often ends there.

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There's nothing like having a fine wife. At the same time she may be *too* fine, like the lady before magistrate Flowers the other day, whose husband had paid £200 in instalments, ranging from five shillings each by way of fines for his wife's drunkenness during the last decade. The process is simple: Every time the lady gets drunk the husband has to pay from five to forty shillings. Like the lad that's flogged for the Chinese Emperor-boy's peccadilloes. Flowers told the husband she wasn't worth her fines.

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The Roman Rites Congregation decline to beatify Joan of Arc. Perhaps they don't see by what rite they could make a Joan of Arc-angel of her.

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Plongeur has just won the Cambridgeshire. Started at 33 to 1; but 100 to 1 was to be got in the morning. The old man received the straight tip ('griffin' I think you call it in India) from a Lilliputian billiard-marker boy and thought of putting, as the urchin advised him, three thick 'uns on, but got no further than thinking. Anyhow, Plongeur quickly took French leave of his 33 other companions and turned up A 1 at the red post.

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Some two hundred Nihilists are about to take their trial in Russia. The efforts of the authorities, during their two years' imprisonment awaiting that fair and impartial trial, for which Russia is so celebrated, to discover the source of the Nihil, have been at length crowned with success, and they announce their intention to stand no more of the sauce of Nihilism. *Ex nihilo nil fit.* The accusation runs to about half a thousand pages, and a similar number of witnesses will be examined. It is called a monster trial on account of the Procurator General, and other monsters being engaged in the prosecution. It's sure to go wrong with the unhappy prisoners. As Shakespeare says* man but a Russia "against a fellow's breast," &c. All clubs are being suppressed, excepting policemen's *staves*, which are most unmusical; and they have "put fetters upon this Press which now goes too freefooted."† The ecclesiastical influence seems very small churching by appearances.‡

* Where?—ED.
† Another misquotation, and we shall go mad.—ED.
‡ We pass this in silent contempt.—ED.

President Hayes (who was elected on account of the majority of the Hayes to the Noes) has sent a message to the *eels* sitting in *Congeress* which has hitherto been without precedent. I once had a messuage left me by a lawyer who had grounds for his proceeding. It was about that time that Aunt Jane told a neighbour that she adored the grounds I walked on. Now I have no grounds except in my coffee; and a geranium pot is all my landed property. P. H. also remarked that the French were particularly desirous of the Yanks making a Great Exhibition of themselves in Paris next year. Aunt J. did so once—but, no matter!

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Mr. Dalrymple owns over sixty-six thousand acres of wheat in America. I've got some achers of corns on my wee toe on which I put my wheato (veto). This is not chaff.

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The French elections have passed off without a row. The Grèvy men do not rest under the *gravamen* of not supporting their beloved chief. Altogether the result will be to make it hot for the marshal. The *ballotting* was very simple. Do you know, Sir, your London Lunatic always did vote for the *ballet*.*

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Thank goodness, we live in a time and a country of complete religious toleration. The days of persecution for conscience' sake are over. The Duke of Norfolk has refused four tenants for farms of his, because they are Protestants.

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Prince Napoleon lost his election at Ajaccio. "'Twas not the man you loved, it was the Prince" does not apply in his case. The ungrateful rabble declined to put their trust in princes', and His Highness has accordingly taken a back seat.

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I note a paragraph headed "Arms for Turkey." If the Turks suffer many more such disastrous defeats as the last, they may advertise not only for arms for Turkey, but for legs, heads and trunks. Up to the present, some hundred thousand lives have been lost in this miserable war: a good many of these anything but *happy deaths* occurred to Turkish youths in Asia—anything but enthanasia.

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The national egg supply seems likely to be eggshausted, and not henny more to follow, old cock:† however don't be chickenhearted. "Could you eat an egg, honored Sir?"‡

***

General Grant has visited Birmingham in the course of his starring provincial English tour. I trust the proceedings were quite proper and decent, but a great deal was made of a Presentation of address. By A dress being *present*-ed we presume one was *absent;* or did the *General* (not being *particular*) rejoice in a pitt?

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Sir John Bennett has been rejected again for city alderman as an unfit and improper person, &c., and this time has cried a go, after being three times elected for the ward of Cheap, and will therefore retire again to the Side of Cheap and consult his mammoth clock as to the time he has wasted on this pendulous question. He is now said§ to be laid up with tic.

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"Sweets to the sweet." Boston people seem likely to fall a prey to their inordinate lust for sugarine matters. ‖ There must be a re-peel of sugar-candy containing *chromate* of *lead*, and folk must be *led* to *chrome hate*. At present there is

* Hoary-headed miscreant!—ED.
† Is this the way to address an Editor, and the Editor, moreover, of the first Indian paper?—ED.
‡ "Could we eat the hen that laid it?"—ED.
§ By you.—ED.
‖ Used to be "saccharine" before the School Boards started.—ED.

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a *chromatic* scale of adulteration. If you, honoured Sir, who I know have a sweet tooth, * should ever suffer write to me, as I have an anecdote for every poison. This is the candied truth.

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Are you troubled with—no I don't mean those—steam launches on your river Ugly †? £13-4-0 has just been paid by one of them on the Thames for running into a punt. The punters—who had no connexion with *roulette* or *rouge et noir* tables—had a narrow escape of tasting the *water of the river* which is *eau de riverous*. ‡ If they're fined much more I don't think a steam launch as a paying speculation will launcher. As they steamed away, which was very *funnelly* done, and worthy of *a steam*, they chaunted pleasantly, *Au River!*

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I hear you are in daily expectation of a North-East *man soon* in Madras? Or is it a *mongoose*, you call it! I hear that a timely rain has saved the Government four millions. I'm not a millionaire myself, but being a bit of a painter I *have vermilion* at home.

***

I gather from an American paper that a notorious Kentucky burglar was lately interviewed in a front parlour by a bull-dog, about two in the morning, and being unable to satisfactorily explain his presence, there was induced to leave the seat of his trousers and one of his calves behind him as security.

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Unclaimed Bank of England dividends averaged over three and a half millions for the last lustrum or two. Not a farthing of the above is due to me.

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Some person or persons unknown—I was out of town at the time—broke into a billiard manufacturer's and stole 50 billiard *balls*. What for, nobody knows? But I imagine it must be for the purpose of trying the effects of a new hair-growing preparation on them previously to experimenting on *balled* humanity.

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Every day is now a *gale*-a day, and the *fête* of shipping, houses, bridges and trees is aught but joyful. The gales too are anything but *wreckless*.

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"Look always on the *Surrey* side" if you want drunken statistics. The women—bless their little hearts!—are far ahead of the men. "*Marry how! tope*-ically:" though why Hamlet should ask *how* to *marry* reminds me that a labouring man has been fined Rs. 5 for keeping a live Colorado Beetle at home.§

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In another four months "Our Boys" will have attained its Thousandth Night.

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The Penge murderers are all unhappily respited, and the greatest sympathy prevails for the four delicate creatures who have lately been so awkwardly situated. It is a universal boon to know that we can in future, in cases of adultery, starve our wives to death and afterwards have the first medical testimony and the highest legal authorities headed by the Secretary of State himself to defend us.

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The persecuted quartett have not yet decided as to whether they'll have their statues erected in Westminster Abbey or at Charing Cross. Meanwhile the sympathising nation is impatient. Alice is in favour of her's being placed in St Paul's. No steps have as yet been taken by the Vatican to beatify her; though one party would like, they say, to beat-ify her. India can send all subscriptions towards a National memorial on their account to me. The courteous editor will supply my address; but, please, dear readers, don't entrust him with any funds, however small. I have not heard yet which high official intends adopting the child of Alice Rhodes and Louis Staunton as his own.

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That stupid Cleopatra's Needle, during a storm off that horrible Cape Finisterre, had to be abandoned, but was unfortunately afterwards picked up by another vessel. Six human lives have been lost over it; and what to do with the hideous monolith, or where to put it respectably out of sight, nobody knows, and few people care.

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The British Museum has at last done something clever. Elephants, rhinoceroses, camels, giraffes, &c., multiplying every year, it became a point of great interest as to what was to become of the old ones when worn out, as wear out these pachydermata do in time. They've cut the Gordian knot: they stuff the new ones with them, thus occupying no more of their valuable space. "*Imperium in imperio*," read, *Megatherium in megatherio*.

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A great many married ladies were present at The Cat Show at the Crystal Palace; and I understand, from dissatisfied husbands, that a great many more ought to have been. This poet did not cultivate the mews: neither did many livery stable-keepers leave their own to attend to amewsmeant.

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Brutal attacks on women—principally wives—are now increasing in number to an alarming extent, and will, as long as magistrates accord such absurdly disproportional punishments. Birmingham has the distinguished honour of heading all other towns in this (want of) respect.

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A respectable lady, who was drunk at the time, entered a pulpit while the minister was preaching, and it took three or four people to get her out again. Once outside she did not go far but returned and considerately got into the preacher's carriage that was waiting for him, thus affording the coachman an opportunity, of which he at once availed himself, of giving her a gratuitous drive to the police station.

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Mr. Gale, not content with having beaten every Pedestrian that was ever heard of from before and behind Hall, and Captain Barclay has just commenced attempting four thousand quarter miles in the same number of consecutive ten minuteses. This will entail just about a lunar month's exercise with never more than 5 or 6 minutes' sleep at a time. I fancy the result must be Walker!"

Your ever affectionate and doting friend,*

YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

P.S.—At last moment I hear, but not officially confirmed, that Alice Rhodes will have a free pardon (in which case I'll bet on many offers of marriage) and the other three, penal servitude for life, (which means coming out with a-ticket-of-leave in a few years.)

An application for a new trial for the claimant has—singularly—failed.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR WITH RICH NATIVES.

Q.—Which is the worst, a forced loan to Government at a low rate of interest or an income tax, to avoid paying which they will have to bribe the underlings of Government heavily.

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* Why not a plural? *Teeth*, next time, Sir. We have two.—ED.

† This refers to the river, not us. The poor man means Hooghly.—ED.

‡ But, no!—ED.

§ We cannot see any relevance. This is a pure *non sequitur*. We are fraid that O.L.L., like his liquors, is getting a little mixed.—ED.

* Not so much familiarity, if you please. We have no doubt of your doting.—ED.

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SOMEWHERE IN THE HILLS.

JENKINS KNOWS OF A SECLUDED SPOT WHERE HE INDULGES IN A DELICIOUS DAILY BATH. IT WAS NOT TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE ONLY ONE JENKINS EVER LOVED SHOULD WANDER OUT SKETCHING IN THE EARLY MORN. NEITHER THAT JENKINS' BOY SHOULD FAIL TO GIVE WARNING TILL THE LAST MOMENT WHICH HE DOES AS FOLLOWS :—

J.'s Boy.—SAHIB, SAHIB, DHOOB JAO, DHOOB JAO; MISSEE BROWN SAHIB ATI HAI, AUR BURHEA BHIE ATI. (*The bank is lined with prickly Pear !!!*)

CHARIVARI APOLOGISES.

Mr. John Power, Judge of Shajehanpur, in stating his reasons as to why he should not be placed on the pension list, at present says that it would be a loss to the State.—*Pioneer, November 3rd.*

Charivari humbly apologises to this gentleman in that in a recent issue he derided him in verse for the course he has adopted. It seemed so ridiculously—well cheeky ; but for once *Charivari* feels that he is wrong, and acknowledges his error. How can the government, in troublous times like these,—scarcity in the land, and a frontier war in prospect, safely suffer a loss of Power?

Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

The *Pioneer* was pleased to be facetious the other day over the rubbish of a Baroda poet who, in choice Native-English, beslavered the young Gaekwar with eulogy, as is the manner of Baboos; but it published without comment the rubbish of a European *Ummedwar* for promotion, who shortly before had, over his own initials, poetically beslavered the grand Panjandrum of Gush, telling him he was a "poet and statesman," and so forth. But what difference was there between the two, except that one *does* know what to expect from a Native, while, for an Englishman ——.

TEMPUS ACTUM.

So it appears, the *Englishman* tells us, that the first European Indigo-planter of Bengal, being in want of lime for building, made it out of human bones, which he took from Muhammadan graves in the neighbourhood; and our Raj, then very young—it was just a century ago—actually didn't collapse! Ah! but we had no popularity hunting philanthropists then. The BUCKINGHAM, CHANDOSES and LYTTONS, and the other shrieking sentimentalists, as well as as the lady Baboo to whom they so meekly bow, hadn't then come to the fore. Making lime out of the defunct faithful was perhaps hardly a nice thing to do; but the spirit that would not shrink from it, if it were necessary, is a good one to have, and one that in these days, when we tremble before the Aryan brother, knowing whose side our gushing rulers will take if he "collides" with us, is rare to find. It was not the gushing and sneaking spirit that built up the Empire, at all events. Who would like to say it will not be that spirit that will pull it down?

THE LAST EURASIAN ASSOCIATION.

The association of young Eurasian foot-pads, for robbing natives on the Maidan.

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For CHITTAGONG, AKYAB, and KYOUK PHYOO, 10th December.

Note.—The above steamers connect at Chittagong, and exchange mails, passengers, and cargo with Straits coasting steamers for Sandoway, Basscin, Rangoon, Moulmein, Tavoy River, Mergui, Malwan, Renowing, Kopah, Junkseylon, and Penang.

FOR CHITTAGONG, AKYAB, KYOUK PHYOO, and SANDOWAY, 26th November and 24th December.

For AKYAB and RANGOON, 19th November, 3rd, 17th, and 31st December.

For RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 19th November, 3rd, 17th, and 31st December.

For SINGAPORE, calling at RANGOON, MOULMEIN, PENANG, and MALACCA, 26th November, 10th and 24th Dec.

For PORT BLAIR and CAMORTA, with an extension from Port Blair to Rangoon and back, 28th November and 26th December.

For BOMBAY, calling at FALSE POINT, GOPAULPORE, BIMLIPATAM, VIZAGAPATAM, COCONADA, MADRAS, PONDICHERRY, NEGAPATAM, GALLE, COLOMBO, TUTICORIN, ALLEPPY, COCHIN, BEYPORE, CALICUT, TELLICHERRY, CANNANORE, MANGALORE, and CARWAR, 22nd and 29th November, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th December.

Receiving cargo for Kurrachee, Guader, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Bussorah, and Baghdad, to be transhipped at Bombay to steamer leaving for the Persian Gulf immediately after arrival of steamer from Calcutta; Baghdad cargo transferred at Bussorah to steamers of the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other steamers.

FROM MADRAS.

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For KURRACHEE only, 20th and 27th Nov., 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th Dec.

For KURRACHEE, GUADER, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, and BUSSORAH, receiving cargo for BAGHDAD, 22nd and 29th November, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th December.

For CALCUTTA, calling at same ports as the steamers from CALCUTTA, 17th and 24th November, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th December.

FROM ADEN.

For ZANZIBAR, 1st and 29th Dec.

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For ADEN, 15th Nov. and 13th Dec.

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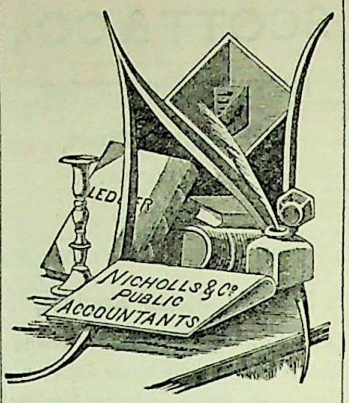
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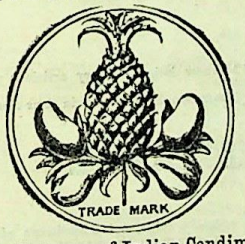
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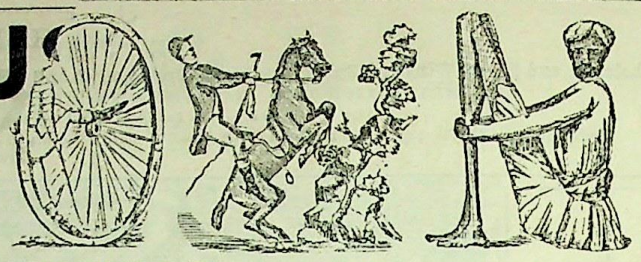
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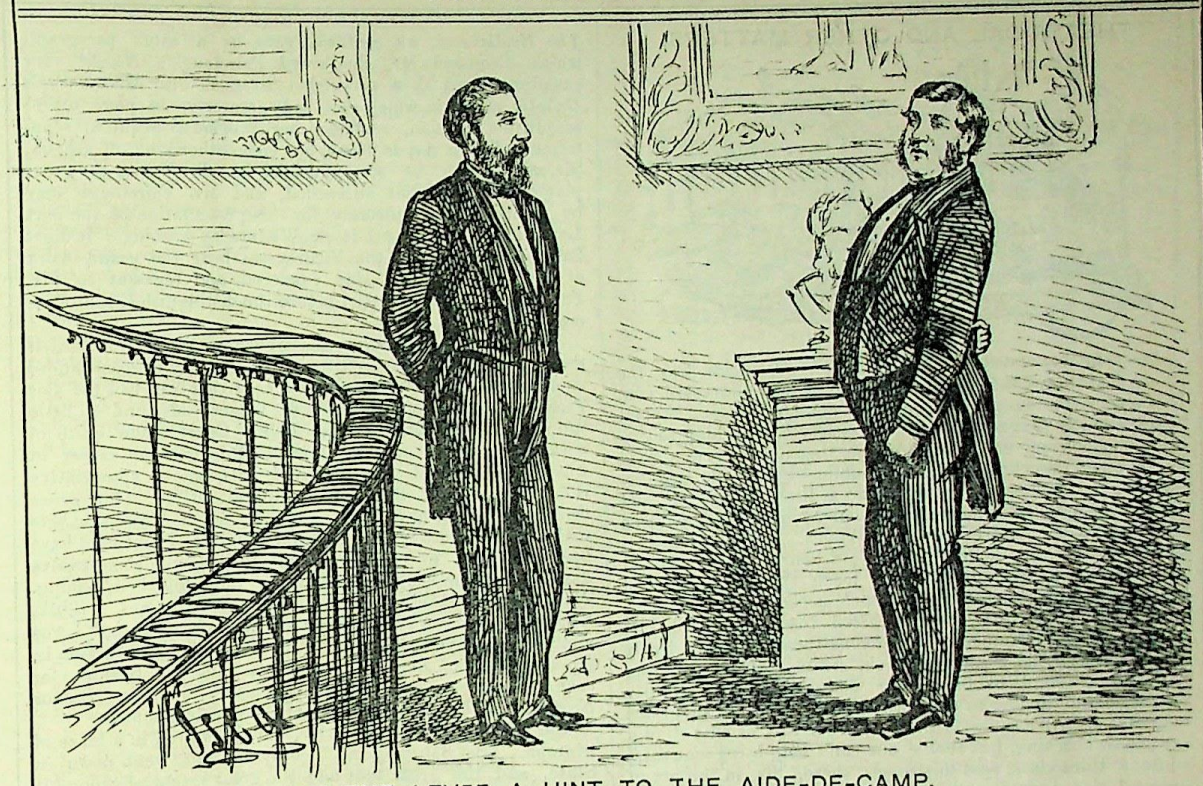
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Is enough to make e'en the most wary-like,
To take her hands.

Smiling and bending so merrily,
Seems she not loveable verily?
Trust not her look, or all sterilely,
Bleak be your lot.

For though so innocent seemingly,
Shines her soft countenance beamingly,
While her eyes lustre shoots gleamingly,
She can love not.

BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT.

A new paper called "Brief" is soon to be started, and if it maintains its title, it ought to be witty. But stay, there is a lawyer's brief, and this is generally anything but witty or the cause of wit in others.

War News.

The Russians in Armenia are said to be wintering at Passim. As they have already overrun the greater part of Armenia, unless we have forgotten our Latin, that *passim* means *everywhere*. This description can hardly enable us to identify their whereabouts.

CONUNDRUM.

Q—Why, if you wanted to elicit information from the Home Secretary, should you employ a barrister for the purpose?

A—Because he should be good at Cross questioning.

THE PATH OF DUTY.—Clearing goods at the Custom House.

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THEATRICAL AND OTHER MATTERS.



As your representative stated *Pink Dominoes* was the ruling feature at the Corinthian when he last addressed you. It is a very commonplace piece in my opinion, Sir, and beyond being slightly suggestive of impropriety has nothing to distinguish it from fifty other dramas that never drew a good house since their first night. The public—there's no use disguising the fact—are not averse to a little prurience, and dearly love a *double entendre*, and I must confess the Cremorne scene went splendidly on that account. It was amusing, Sir, to watch the dear creatures (of course I need not tell you, Sir, that by dear creatures I mean the fair sex) and notice the different manner in which, according to temperament, age or position, they received these little tid bits of impropriety. Some—jolly matrons these—laughed freely and liberally, head thrown back, white teeth glistening with no attempt to hide their delight; others slightly bridling and turning to each other with wide-open surprised eyes, but a furtive smile on the pursed up lips, as who should say "how shocking, but really one can't help being amused," while a third class, past mistresses these, Sir, in the art of dissimulation looked on with bright, unconscious glances, and neither blushed nor turned away, nor seemed to hear even the broadest of those suggestive little *morceaux* with which the second act abounds.

The Burlesque of *Mazeppa*, the play of *Black-ey'd Susan*—(by the way, capital suggestion for a burlesque writer, Sir, call it *Black hide Susan*, and make the lady a negress.* It would draw Sir, believe me†) a reproduction of *Pygmalion and Galatea* followed by *Ingomar*, and *My Turn Next* brought the season down (fortunately seasons do not require bringing *up* as well) to last Saturday, Sir, when Mr. Boothroyd Fairclough made his bow as "Hamlet," and his mark as the best tragedian that ever visited "India's coral strand." It is unfortunate perhaps for this gentleman that he does'nt play in such pieces as *Pink Dominoes* or *La Marjolaine*, or that he isn't a "bounding brother" or a "vaulting volcano" or a "whirlwind of the wilderness," or a "Lion Comique," public taste has been so improved by seeing these great plays and greater artistes that it is too refined to appreciate Mr. William Shakespeare, about whom so much fuss is unnecessarily made, for, as a gentleman patroniser of the Dhurrumtollah house remarked to me. "I don't see the reason of all this bobbery about Shakespeare; as far as I can find out, *if it had't been for these plays he's written we should never have heard of the man.*"‡ The argument was unanswerable. I had till then believed in the man Shakespeare, but after that—Well, Yes Sir, after that—I'm ashamed to confess it—I really think I believe in him a little still, and I hope Mr. Fairclough's really great acting will convert some of the unbelievers.

I was glad to see, Sir, that two of your local prints went in for appreciative criticism of the tragedian's efforts. While *The Englishman, au contraire*, gave us a short paragraph which dismissed Mr. Boothroyd Fairclough's *Hamlet* very cavalierly, and then proceeded to gush over Miss Enson's *Ophelia*, a part in which that lady scarcely, in your representative's opinion, sustained her previously-acquired reputation. This is not criticism, but some other kind of schism, Sir, might easily be occasioned by it. To *Hamlet* the great play of *Richelieu* has succeeded, and Mr. Fairclough may be complimented sincerely for his presentation of the part Lord Lytton witnessed it on Wednesday evening. It must have been pleasant to the Viceroy to hear the grand work of his great father so ably rendered, and pleasant to Mr. Fairclough to play the part before the distinguished son of its creator.

What cheerful stirring souls our operatic *artistes* are! If they don't give us much change of operas they at least afford us amusement in another place. Last year we had the fair Fiorelli and the stage manager at loggerheads, and a little fun and a little fine in the Police Court made quite an episode in their otherwise uneventful musical career in which this discord was received with more appreciative relish than any of their most tuneful efforts. Our *prime donne* this season have been going in for a little squabble with their landlord and landlady on a matter of rent, and have been adjudged to pay a whole month, although some twelve days of the time had to elapse when they left their lodging. Allowing for their ignorance of Calcutta customs, I think, Sir, either of these ladies might say with great truth, "I was a stranger and ye took me in." The only new production in Opera has been *Ruy Blas*, which is not the Spanish for *roue blases*, as your classical baboo seems to think, Sir. Signor Navarry, as *Don Sallustio de Bazan* scored first honors.

The Circus is no more, Sir, but it expired in a blaze of triumph. Last Saturday the Viceroy and *suite* went down in State, and the great tent and the great extent of ground it covers, was swarmed, yes and *was warmed* also by a "countless throng" of sight seers, by which I don't mean prophets at sight, though the proprietor, Mr. Wilson, no doubt had his profits in sight, and a very pleasant sight too that evening. This was on the site of the circus remember.* Yes Sir, the Circus is defunct, but the great Hippodrome is rapidly arising in its place, when we are promised classic chariot races, hurdle races, steeple chases and "sich." More power to it Sir.

Where all the people are to come from, who are to patronise all the shows, it is impossible to conjecture, and now we have another bidder for public patronage, "hight," the Australian Blondin, a felicitous use Sir of the old equivalant for 'called,' considering at a what a *height* he performs his tricks.

* She would have to make *an egress* very soon, we should imagine, after her appearance before the footlights.—Ed.
† Yes like a blister on a mile stone.—Ed.
‡ A literal fact.—Ed.

MODERN CANT.

"*Virginibus puerisque cants*" begins an article "On Furlough" in the last *Oriental Sporting Magazine*. Perhaps in a sporting publication the writer meant "canters," for though modern cant is common enough, it has hardly as yet got down to the boys and girls. But most of them in the old country love a canter, on a horse, not out of the month.

Theatrical.

Our "Sub" says the principal feature in "Pink dominos" is the pink *dummy nose* which Mr. Thorne wears when overcome by the length of his bill; he faints into the waiters arms at the end of the second act.

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DACCA AMENITIES.

The *Bengal Times* occasionally relieves the weary monotony of its pages with a *morceau* of spite, otherwise it is consistently dull. It improves a late opportunity for indulging safely on a little venom in this manner.

THE LEADER.—Private intelligence has reached us that the *Leader* has ceased to exist because of the departure of its proprietor for Europe. James Hutton is without doubt, a man of remarkable talent, but very much over-estimated as a journalist.

That the gentleman alluded to may or may not have been an over-rated man is not to the point. *Charivari* fails to see, in either case, what the *Bengal Times* could possibly know about it. And why this attempt on its part to assess a journalist's value? Content ye, dear *Times;* whatever Mr. James Hutton's abilities may be they are far beyond your powers of comprehension. Tea spoons are not the instruments with which to measure the sea, and your little brain might get unsettled in the attempt, an event perhaps certain to occur, but why should you seek to anticipate the date. Dacca has an asylum fortunately, but you are not obliged you know to go there before it is absolutely necessary.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Under this startling heading the *Madras Mail* has a long article upon the closing of the road which runs by Government House Park, and which, it appears, has from time immemorial been the recognised highway for evening drives but alas, is now a highway no more. The good people of Madras were thus apprised of the discontinuance of their right of way in this Road.

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Now this strikes *Charivari* as a graceful and dignified way of "doing" an announcement of this sort, and worthy of a Duke and Governor. You didn't perhaps see the full beauty of your own act at first sight dear "Buck" and "Char?" Now look at it! Isn't it nice? You revoke a privilege of a quarter of a century's standing by advertisement, and in order to take no one by surprise give two whole days' notice. But you surely could have done it without sharing the glory with the man Burrows? You deserve it all for yourself.

'TWAS EVER THUS.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab is astonished that out of upwards of two hundred officials who should have passed examinations before getting appointments or promotion, only thirty-three have done so; and of those thirty-three, how many does His Honor think passed any but an imaginary examination, their promotion or appointment having been probably cut and dried long before. Has His Honor forgotten the late case of advertising for a press-reader at Lahore? That surely ought to open his eyes as to how appointments are filled up in the Punjab. Blood is still thicker than water, and family interest or official connections are still more powerful in this country than all competitive examinations.

Conversion at any price.

Proselytes to a new faith are generally the most zealous in converting others to the same faith, but we have lately come across an instance of a proselyte being so zealous that he was not at all particular as to what faith his convert adopted. An astrologer in Madras became a Muhammadan, and wished his wife to embrace the same faith. She refused, so he tried to persuade her to become a Christian. Again she refused, whereupon he stabbed her. Here is missionary zeal with a vengeance: but the astrologer suffers for his zeal in jail.

SIX MONTHS AT SEA.

BY A CONFIRMED LAND LUBBER.

CHAPTER II.

My duties on board were of a useful, though not romantic, kind. I commenced the day by going down on my knees, not to pray, but to scrub the decks, cleaning lamps, occupied a good deal of my time, and in cold weather I carried coals from the forepeak to the cabin as occasion required. It was very seldom I was sent up aloft for when I did go, it was all I could do to prevent myself tumbling down again; nautical terms were a constant stumbling block to me. Being the first, to observe a sail one day I roared out lustily. "O, I say, you fellows look over, there is a ship on our right hand. The first mate groaned audibly, and then shouted out, "Sail on the weather beam." We had four passengers on board—a stout elderly lady with a blooming daughter of seventeen, two griffs of 19, or thereabouts, one of whom was a poet and expected to be made poet laureat when Tennyson died; in the meantime he was going into tea. There was nothing very interesting about any of the passengers; the poet was pale and looked, when he first came on board, as if the most appropriate thing he could write would be his own requiem; the sea air, however, revived him wonderfully. The old lady was an old sailor, and was constantly on the poop even when the wind was somewhat stiff. "Blowed if that ole ooman wont have all her *kanviss* blown away and be left skudding along the poop under bare-poles, if she don't look out, remarked a seaman one day, when the lady's petticoates were wafted hither and thither at the wind's sweet will. During our otherwise monotonous voyage, two exciting incidents occurred. I tried to distinguish myself on both occasions. One afternoon, a cry of fire issued from the cuddy. Armed with a bucket of water I rushed towards the sky light, observing that smoke was issuing from where the stove pipe pierced the deck. I took aim, but by some misadventure went through the skylight myself, falling bucket and all on top of the old lady, and rolling with her on the *floor*, as I called it. Get out of this, you d—d jackass! said the captain as I ignominiously bolted up *stairs*, as I insisted on calling the companion ladder. The fire was rapidly put out, but I was thoroughly disgusted with the reward with which my heroism was met; however, like Jacob Faithful, I hoped for better luck next time.

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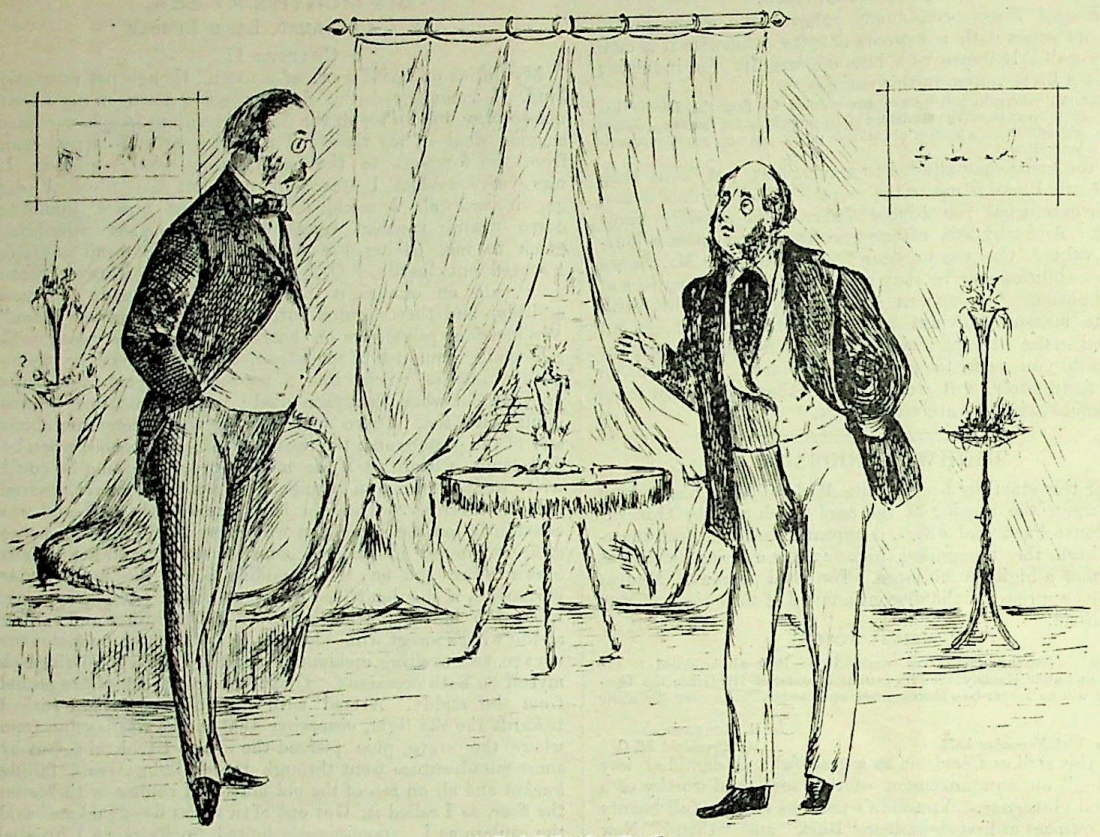
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INDISPENSABLE.

Mr. Cooleard (to Mr. Affable Hawk) YOU SEE, MY DEAR BOY, SINCE THIS SWINDLEHURST AND BAXTER LANGLEY BUSINESS, A FEW GOOD NAMES IN THE PROSPECTUS BECOMES ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE.

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

Our Waste Paper Basket is a capacious one, and the quantity of rubbish we receive from time to time renders a capacious basket a necessity. A plum some times falls into our mouth from an anonymous contributor, and the one printed below, lately to hand, is not a bad specimen of the blessings we thus receive. If our reader can understand it, we hope they will furnish us with a solution. Here it is:—

THE KNIGHTHOOD OF THE GULF OR GUELPH.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE INDIAN CHARIVARI."

SIR,

Do you not think that the Knighted of the Guelph or Gulf is more in accord, than those seas which have Mahometan Nations adjacent, such as the Gulf of Persia, the Arabian Gulf, the Gulf of Siam, the Gulf of Cambodia, the Gulf of Malay. And the Gulf of Mexico once and stilled-famed for Paganism. All these undoubtedly signify not the universal esteem which the Knighthood of the Guelph calls up as signifying all that is associate with greatness, majesty or nobility. And to find a Gulf in all Asia which would bring less of the odium Mahometanism, Paganism, &c., as in the etcetera also signally shown in the Chinese and Japan Gulfs, we could not do better than rely upon the sage and only one offering against such a multitudinous foes, than that which its adjacency to Polynesia gives it and which to all Britons, whether at Home or Abroad, should be their endeavour out of all these tortuous Races, Babels, and Confusions which they might put one into. This Gulf's name is the Gulf of Carpentaria, no less famed by its Capitol, which gives names to the adjacent lands around the Gulf of the same sententious word of Carpenter, as on the voyages' Noah's Ark important personage called the Carpenter, who is a warrant officer in Indian State Ships. Its Capitol is also called Carpenter. To unbiassed minds the culture of the virtues under the auspices of these favouring omens is more safe than procuring accident and fatal catastrophe through vicinages or allusions to the other. The last advices from the War between the Russians, and the Turks show that the Russians have been dreadfully punished of this day's date, the 12th June, viâ as the mail or the crow flies. Truly, it would not be unwise to fill up the void of our Calcutta to be regretted discords with relations with the Pacific or Polynesian Continent already named Gulph or Gulf, to escape the continuous error of a Capitol built purely upon stone, such as is Calcutta, excepting the Opera House, but which Opera House is built upon the style of the fifteenth century for a wooden house of the nineteenth. Could not the constituted members of Polynesian origin, rather than further be chaffed with enmities of such indomitable numbers and anarchy, create to themselves in Camac Street, west side (I believe the Street is pronounced *Saymass.*) as yet unsupplanted by stone or brick, these essential of a good Wooden city as there is one of brick and stone! Doubtless, ebony is not to be had, though coming from Africa alone and equatorial regions, then teak is surely not but the local vote, in which India abounds. But should northern speculators wish to introduce their illimitable pine and fur, they are welcome. Please give this lucubration a place in your paper, as a barrister does his notice to his client, that his cause may not be lost. And oblige,

12th June.

Yours,
HUMBLY.

Dead and Wounded.

Does death or hurt come first when we are run over? This is no joke, but an interesting physiological question, for a generally truthful native contemporary tells us that a Bengali Baboo, when on his way from Kalka to Amballa, "was thrown out of his Dâk Ghari and killed on the spot, and was seriously hurt by the sad accident."

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FROM OUR YOUNG MAN ABOUT TOWN.

SIR,—No doubt your other young man, who frequents operas, theatres and circuses on your behalf, fondly imagines that he enjoys the only genuine legitimate Shakesperean Drama when he sees Mr. Fairclough play Hamlet. Permit me to add, by way of parenthesis, and as one who has seen every star actor who has played Hamlet, except Irving, since 1844, that I consider Mr. Fairclough equal to any of them, and by many degrees better than most of them. He possesses one great advantage in a figure and face eminently suited for Hamlet, but to my mind his great superiority is the fact that he does not rant but plays the part as we might imagine that a young prince would have behaved in real life, with only the proper amount of fire, irony, or pathos when required to make the character effective. But I am trespassing too much on the other young man's ground, and "jealousy like lightning vivid through his vitals may have run" when he sees the superior style of yours truly. But I, who write, have also indulged in the Shakesperean Drama in a different style. For

> Bhuggobutty Mullick gave a party,
> To which his friends he did invite,
> To see young India play "Othello,"
> Upon a bye-gone Wednesday night."

And very well indeed did some of the young amateurs perform their parts, showing, at any rate, that, if they were not well up in all the intricacies of stage business, they had, at any rate, an intelligent perception of the characters they were representing. Other native gentlemen would do well to follow Baboo Bhuggobutty Churn Mullick's example, for the study of such plays involves avoiding worse temptations on the part of the youthful actors.

Creeping quietly about at the early part of last week, I found one of the usually-closed entrances to Government House gardens invitingly open, so I walked in, to admire the new bridge and tanks. My appearance must have impressed the guardians of the peace, who were on duty, with the idea that I was in some way connected with Viceroyalty, or a Public Works Official, for they stood to attention as I passed, and treated me with other marks of respect. And what did I see! Marvels, Sir, of architectural beauty. Do you recollect, Sir, in your youth, when China was not so much the rage as it as at present, that a landscape in China was the favorite device on our dinner and breakfast services, the design evidently of a Chinese artist. A most prominent feature in this landscape was a bridge, true to history, so far as Chinese bridges are concerned. Now over the new tanks there is a bridge, and if the architect did not get his design for that bridge from the "willow pattern plate," call me a Dutchman, or anything else that you like. But the architect was determined that his work should not resemble China in want of solidity, for after careful measurement, I found that the two side walls of the bridge were of exactly the same thickness together, as the roadway between them. I do not know if elephants are ever ridden about in the garden, but the bridge, which should have been light and ornamental, is well calculated to carry any number of elephants. The tanks were there, but there was no water in them, so I cannot tell what improvement this vast expanse of water is likely to have upon the surrounding scenery.

The Scots wa hae on the 30th as usual, but modern Scots are a degenerate race. The dinner was over, and the guests departed by twelve, as if the following day was the Sawbath. I have known the time when many a hardy Scot saw daylight appear in the Town Hall on the 1st of December before he left his toddy, and day-light does not appear very early at this time of year. The drinking as well as the diplomacy is degenerating in those days of progress.

GUP.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME."

An irreverent correspondent of an up-country contemporary, with no fear of the wrath of *Urbs prima in Indis* before his eyes, says that the name Bombay is derived from two Portuguese words, bomb—baio, meaning a good boy. But the Ducks, especially in their last commercial panic, belied their name, and proved anything but good boys. It has been suggested that a more proper interpretation would be Bomb, which Webster interprets as "a great noise," and baio, to bay like a dog at the moon, for the Ducks are always bombing and baying about their own greatness.

WHY THE BALLOON CAME DOWN.

The *Bombay Gazette* has often said that the articles in the *Times of India* are as heavy as lead. How then could Mr. Lynn's balloon be expected to float with the original source of all the lead in it.

A TEA-TOTAL DITTY.

Come give to me,
A cup of Tea,
At any given hour;
And whether it be China Tea,
Or India's very best Bohea,
I'll blessings on you pour.

For Tea to me
Is, as you'll see,
A great gratification;
I take it hot,
From China pot,
Or cold without cre (a) mation.

Let pegs avaunt,
With Tea, my want
Of drink at once supplied is;
For you and me,
Who take but Tea,
No footpath e'er too wide is.

If health we seek,
With rosy cheek,
Let's try a tea plantation;
For then we'll know,
The leaves we grow
Will cause no ruination.

Orange Pekoe,
Is all the go,
Pekoe has pleasant flavour;
Pekoe Souchong,
Makes old maids long,
But Campoi's out of favour.

At rates so low,
Who would not go,
And spend his bottom dollar,
On Tea. Oh te
Duce, for me
Te cum I'll always follow.

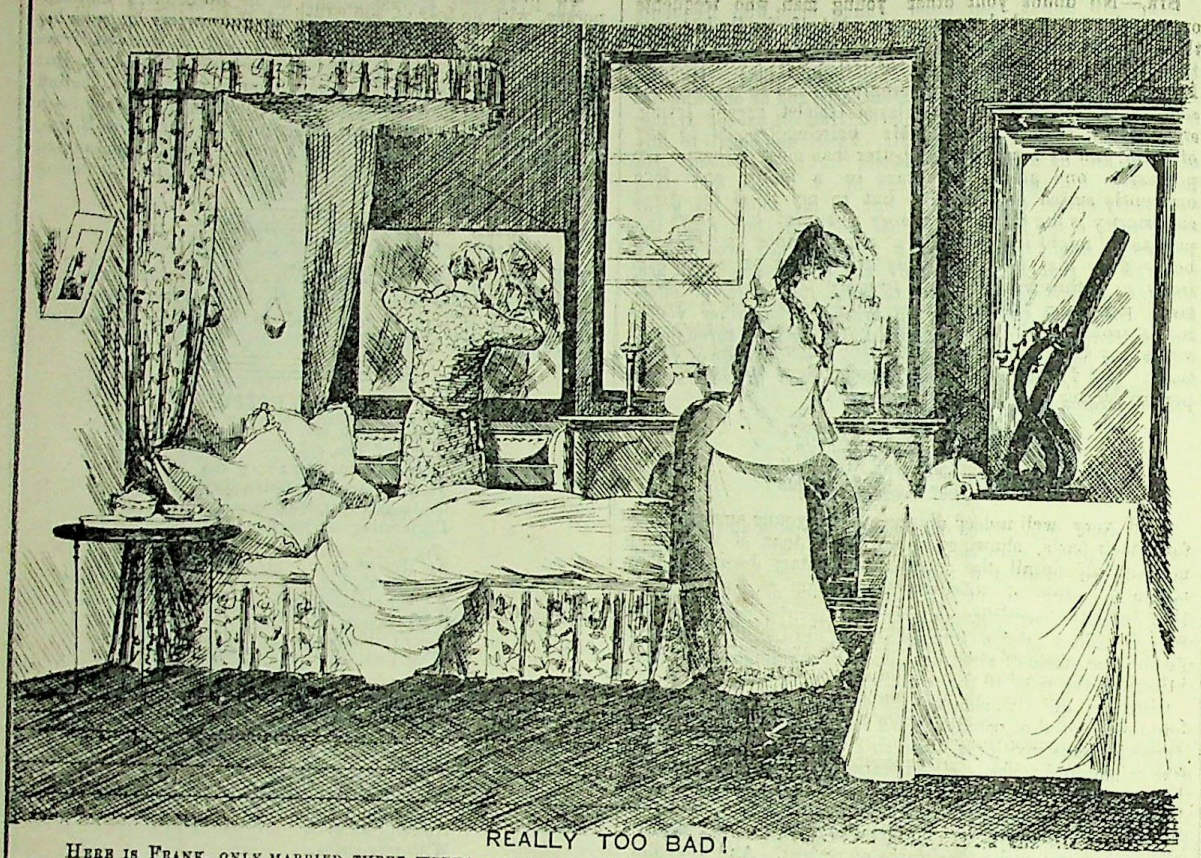
ASSAM JUNIOR.

A Hint to Play-Bill Composers.

The attempts at wit in play-bills, especially in describing the characters in burlesques, are only to be equalled by the jokes to be found in the burlesques themselves. But our Aryan brother has already managed to improve on this. Travelling about the country with dissolving views, one of our brethren describes one of his views as follows: "One man come for cooling below tree; suddenly one large snake come, and took his nose with the mouth." This is much more funny than any announcement ever seen in a play-bill.

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REALLY TOO BAD!

HERE IS FRANK, ONLY MARRIED THREE WEEKS, AND DECLARING HE FEARS AN ATTACK OF *CATALEPSY* ALREADY AFTER SEEING THE SPARKS FLY OUT HIS ADORABLE ANGELINA'S HAIR—(*The poor dear was only brushing herself up the "wrong way" with an electric patent.*)

SCOTS WHA HAE—A NEW VERSION.



Scots wha hae for Wallace fed,
Scots wha crouse gang hame to bed,
Welcome to your glorious spread,
And to revelry.

Now's the day and now's the hour,
See the thumping bottle lour,
See approach, Great Eastern's power,
Bones and devilry.

Wha wad be a traitor knave,
Wha can feed and yet look grave,
Wha sae base as scrape and save,
Gie him his bawbee.

Wha for Scotland's King and law,
Champagne corks will freely draw,
Spreeman stand, or Spreeman fa,
Let him follow me.

By provisions, "goes," and "banes,"
By your songs in several strains,
We will quaff our deepest drains
But we'll have a spree.

Lay the pride of suppers low,
Turkeys fall in every foe,
Haggis's in every blow,
Let us dine or dee.

SWEEP! SWEEP!!

Says the *Bombay Cazette* in a recent issue.

"The Indian newspapers generally have commented very strongly on the injudicious action of the Government of India, in putting a stop to public lotteries and sweeps."

The newspapers, *Charivari* thinks, are quite right so to do, as Governments have no right to attempt coercive measures of this kind. But if the public press had commented as strongly as it should have done on the mismanagement, justified by impudent disclaimers, of all carelessness and wrong-doing, which distinguished certain Sweeps, Government might have felt that these institutions could have been allowed to continue if their integrity rested under the guarantee of such vigilant censorship. In the absence of this, Government has taken its own way to abate what threatened to become a nuisance.

THE CHAMPION CONUNDRAM.

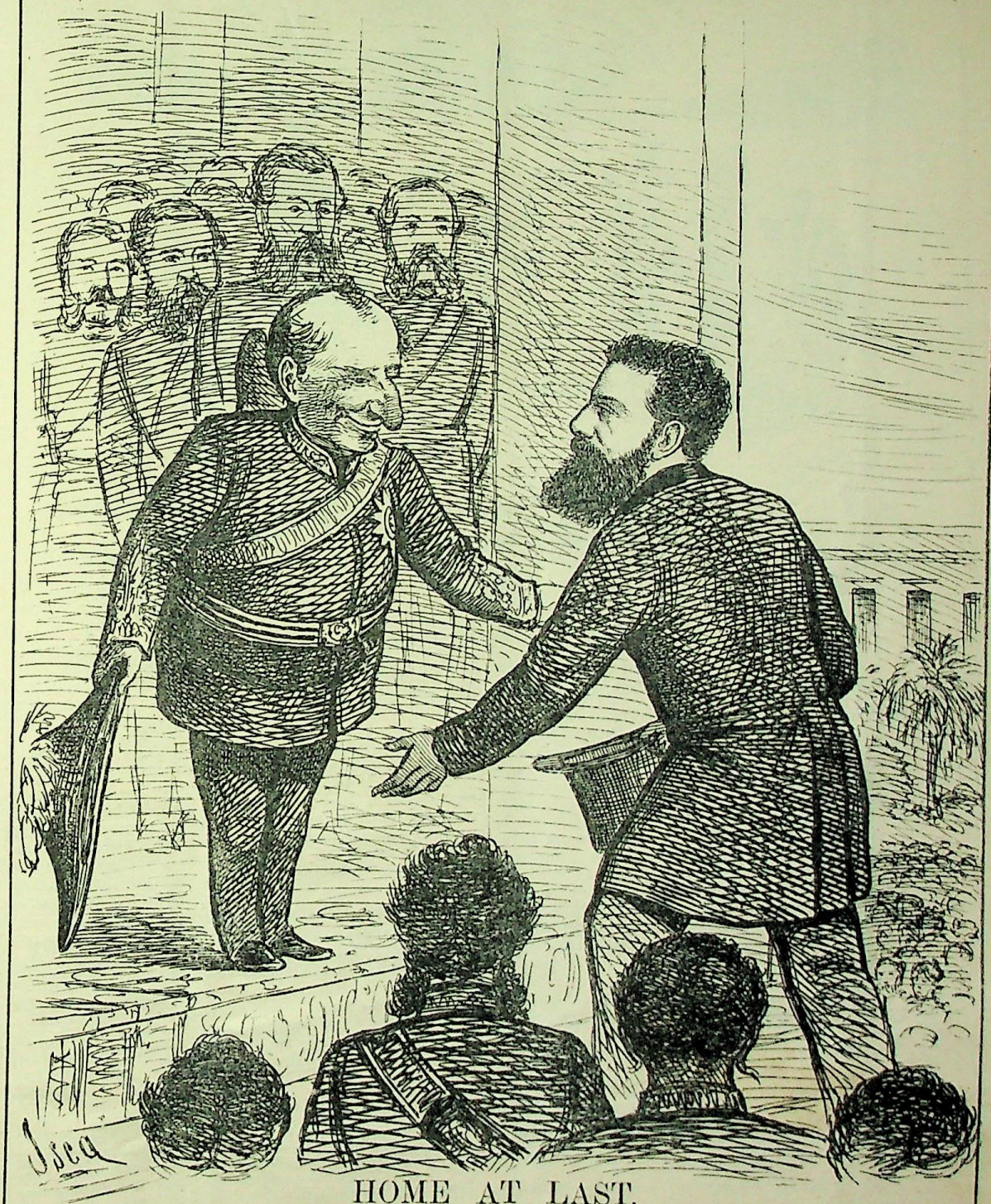
Why is a wooden-headed Irishman entering his house in a rage like one of the grounds for a separation between man and wife?

Because it is a case of in come Pat, a billet he of temper. (Incompatability of temper.)

What a woman always has but never owns—Her Age.

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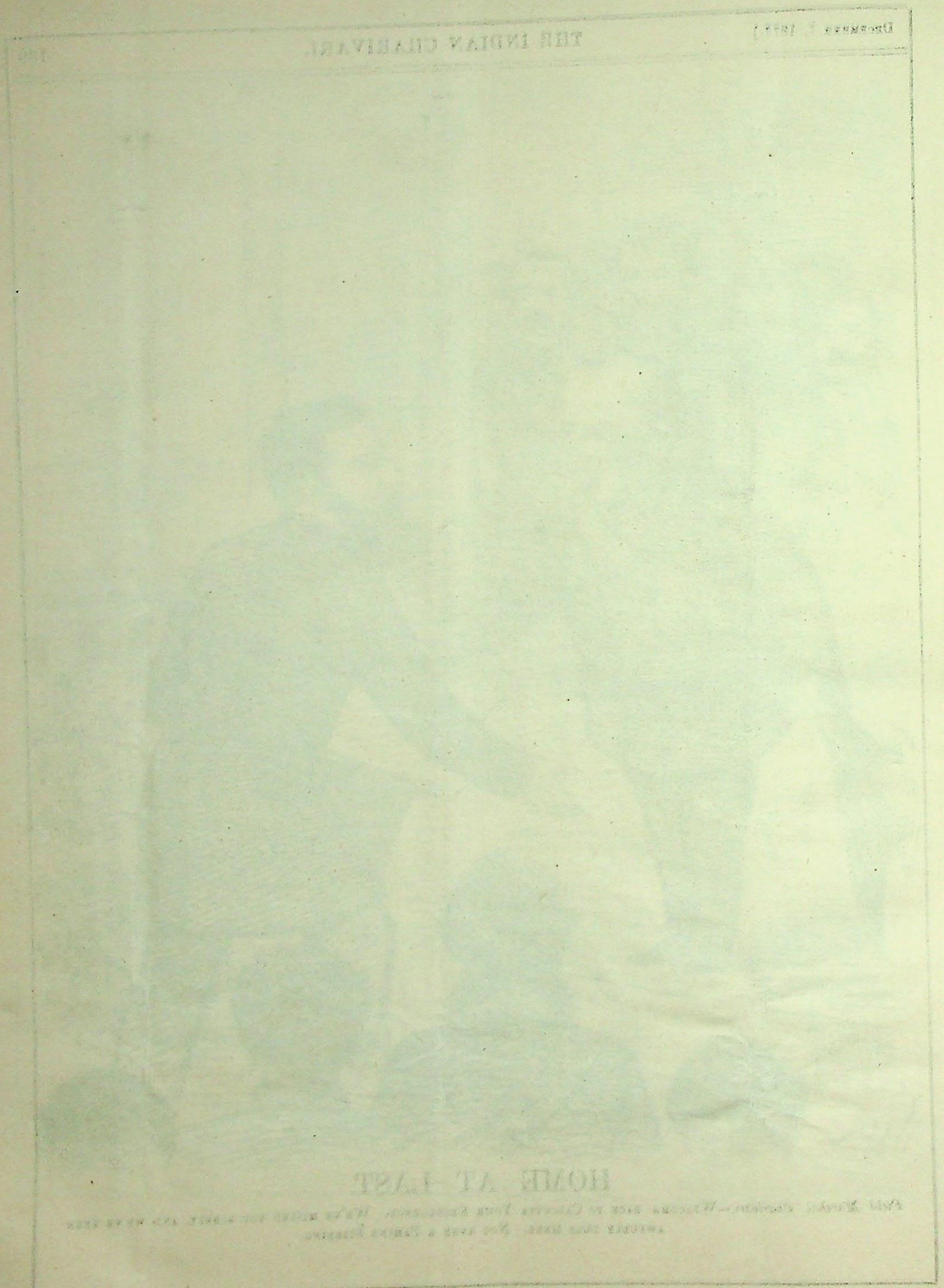


HOME AT LAST.

Field Marshal Charivari.—WELCOME BACK TO CALCUTTA YOUR EXCELLENCY. WE'VE MISSED YOU SORELY, AND WE'VE BEEN AWFULLY DULL HERE. NOT EVEN A FAMINE STIRRING.

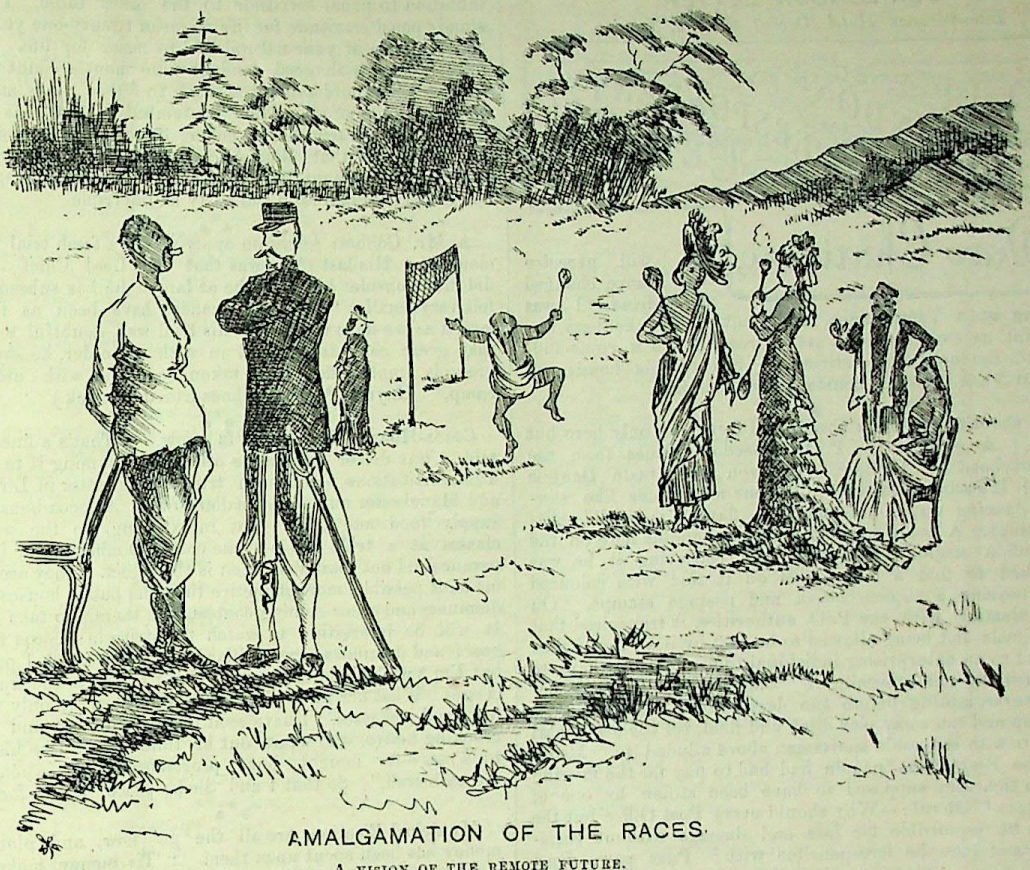
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AMALGAMATION OF THE RACES.

A VISION OF THE REMOTE FUTURE.

CHRISTMAS TRICKS.

MY DEAR CHARIVARI,—At this Christmas season you will doubtless desire to follow the old custom of giving your readers an explanation of a few clever, though very simple, conjuring tricks. After a good deal of study and consulting various books on conjuring (intended for the use of children and amateurs), I have determined to send you a few tricks for publication, and I only trust the performance of them may cheer and beautify many a social gathering at this festive season.

TO MAKE GUNPOWDER FREEZE BY THE FIRE.

This is a very clever, scientific and interesting experiment, but as it requires to be carefully performed, it is better to entrust its performance to an elder member of the family—say to a rich uncle or aunt.

Having procured a spherical metal vessel—(an old bomb shell will do) fill it with equal portions of gunpowder, saltpetre, charcoal, and snow; place the vessel near a wood fire, and the effect in a few moments will astonish the company.

TO MAKE A LIVE ELEPHANT DISAPPEAR.

This is a very simple little trick and requires no elaborate apparatus, but it will necessitate a little preparation beforehand. The boarding of your Bungalow must be removed, and a hole dug large enough to admit the body of an elephant, the boarding is replaced, a trap door cut just over the excavation and kept firm by means of a strong steel spring. If neatly done by coolies the trap door will never be suspected by your audience. Now procure an elephant (the larger the better), and having placed it before your company and allowed them by pricking its trunk to assure themselves there is no deception, you artfully tie a bunch of fire crackers to its tail, and cover the animal with a tin cover, which you can have made in the bazaar for the purpose. You then say "presto pass." Press your foot on the steel spring, and the elephant drops through into the prepared hole. Remove the cover, and to the utter amazement of all, the elephant will have disappeared. Now say you will make it re-appear, unseen by the company; slip a lighted match through a crevice in the floor, light the crackers, and the elephant will appear suddenly to start from the earth.

We regret our space will not admit our inserting more of these very clever tricks. Our contributor is undoubtedly a genius, and his tricks will doubtless meet with the hearty approval of the public.—ED.

CONUNDRUM.

Q.—What jewel has Russia obtained, and what other jewel may she hope for?

A.—She has obtained the Turk Wars (Turquoise) and may get the Oriental Purl (Pearl).

GETTING BEYOND THE THREE Rs.—Writing an I. O U.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

Intemperance Hotel, Covent Garden, London.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Charivari, You will perceive that I have changed my address. I was stopping at a Temperance Hotel, but the drunkenness was so awful as even to shock *me*. From the 6 A.M. rums-and-milks till the landlord's retiring to bed on his hands and knees at 5 A.M. was one constant pandemonium.

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The shooting season is now in full force, not only here but abroad. A curious G. P. O. anecdote comes from the neighbourhood of Dantzic. (Did you ever taste Dantzic Water? It's a beautiful golden liqueur with motes like sun-atoms dancing up and down. The flavour is—well!—disappointing). A noble sportsman shot an ignoble hare on the skirts of a magnificent forest. On retrieving it he was astonished to find a large label on it tied with coloured tapes, bearing a superscription and postage stamps. On communicating with the P. O. authorities, it transpired that live animals not being allowed to be sent by post, that it had occurred to an enterprising individual to send a live hare to his cousin by chloroforming it. The effects of the anæsthetic, however, lapsing before the despatch of the mail, Puss woke up and ran away o'er ditch and field, till the accidental *rencontre* with the noble sportsman above alluded to. Meantime the Post Office people had had to pay for the missing game, which they supposed to have been stolen by one of the sorters.* *Moral:*—Why should every Post Office but the English be responsible for loss and damage without registration and ours be irresponsible with? Puss paws for a reply.

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Apropos to which our registration fee after January the one time next is to be reduced to 2*d*, and the Post Office to be responsible as far as forty shillings which, as few people register articles worth less, is a doubtful boon, and fully compensated for by the attendant regulation, doubling the commission on money orders for less than ten shillings.

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This, Sir, is the day sacred to my Illustrious Ancestor, and mighty preparations are being made throughout the kingdom to worthily celebrate it. The price of pyrotechnics is immensely enhanced. Squibs, crackers, Catherine wheels, Roman candles, *feux de joie* and rockets crowd every shop window, even to the green grocers. I feel it unsafe, myself, to go out of doors, for fear of being clapped into an extemporised sedan chair, stuffed with dry straw and gunpowder and carried through the streets exultantly.† For days past friends ("Aye! and boney freens tae") and even strangers have saluted my appearance with cries of "Oller, boys—there's another Guy!" I wonder whether Mapleson impressario does this now when he meets his rival operatic caterer, Gye.

After some tantalising dogs fed on nought but ortolans, turle soup *pâté-de-foie gras* and venison, by the kind Governor of Maidstone Gaol, Mr. Cross (no relation to Crosse and Blackwell) has virtually rescinded the jury's verdict and judge's decision by granting a free pardon to Alice Rhodes, and commutation to penal servitude to the other three. I understand 'penal servitude for life' to mean twenty-one years, and 'for the term of your natural life' to mean for life. In the former case, with good conduct nine months count a year: so that, this would amount actually to fifteen years and nine months. One of the late "Entombed Miners" has started a penny pipe, warranted to colour better than meerschaum, &c. I expect that Miss Alice will receive many tempting offers of engagement from Provincial Music Hall Proprietors and other speculators in the nasty and horrible.

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A Mr. Cobbett keeps on applying for a fresh trial for the claimant. His last reply was that the Lord Chief Justice did not consider him fit to be at large: he has subsequently felt very small. "His recognizances have been as far enlarged as we have warranty: his trial was doubtful and but that great command passed in with an order, he should in grounds unplantified have taken lodgings with steak of rump." Hayrick.* (Sometimes called Herrick.)

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Cocoa-Houses are all the 'fad' now. "That's a fine cafe," said a 'bus driver to me the other day, rhyming it to 'safe.' Theseinstitutions have been tried with success in Liverpool and Manchester and some smaller towns. A cocoa-house is to supply food and drink (not intoxicating) to the working classes at a trifle above prime cost. Diminution of intemperance and not total abstention is the object. They are to be made, if possible, more attractive than the public houses; and dominoes and other exciting contests are therein to taka place. It will be interesting to watch the struggle: cocoa *versus* beer; and dominoes *versus* billiards. I know which I prefer; but I'm a wicked old man; and I don't belong to the working classes. What *are* the working clases? There are only two—fools and jackasses. I have seen many a duteous and knee-crooking knave, who wears out his time—much like his master's ass—for nought but provender; and when he's old cashiered." So that I and Shakespeare agree for once

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Municipal Elections are all the 'go' now, and plenty of money has been spent upon them. "'Tis money makes the mare to go;" though I've known many a mayor to go without.

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When is a door not a door?† Answer in my next.

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The Russians, as I foretold, ‡ are getting much the best of it: so hasten, dear reader (or readers, should I have two) to buy Muscovite scrip for the rise with every rupee you can beg, borrow or steal. You, Sir, might put on a lac at once. I suffer from a lack of lacs, a lac! the day!‖ Literary intelligence from the seat of War:—The *magazines* have been stored with *cereals* (very *popular*), *measures* to obtain which by the Balgarians have ended in a *ceres* of *hoaxes* without the *haycorns*. Arrangements for *Balkan*, the Turks on the *Mountains* have proved successful and many a Turkish mountaineer (who has also been a mountain *father*) has gone, father, and fared worse.

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There is a Yankee youth—a great nuisance—who does nothing but telegraph fearful gales and bad weather for England, which invariably take place. Another Admiral Fitzroy. I cannot see anything funny in it myself and refuse to stir my cachinnatory muscles: 300 days out of 366 being always beastly in England, it's only 6 to 5 against any day's guess.

* The consignee claimed damages because the *hare* was not duly delevret (delivered.—see ?)

† Besides, my fire insurance has run out.

* Where? What is the meaning of this gibberish?—ED.

† When he's a commodore.—ED.

‡ Where? Not in our columns.—ED.

‖ You seem to suffer from a plentiful lack of sense.—ED.

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Our illustrious ex-Liberal leading woodcutter—the irrepressible William Ewart—has his cabinet (minister) portraits in character *partout*. "Oh! Woodman spare that tree!" Henry Russell. He is seated in his illustrious shirt and noble trousers (also seated) at the base of a magnifferent hoak, hash, or helm: (Mislaid my Gardener's Chronicle) he is wiping his manly nose: around him *débris* of choppped monarch-of-the-forest, ready tied up in half-penny bundles of firewood for the chandlers' shops. Beside him lies his faithful axe (or it may be, hatchet). His hands are dirty and sweat upon his brow, over which the hair is combed remarkably far back, with a parting of unusual width. 'Tis thus to use his own terse vernacular he 'makes his wood'. *I* wood if I could. He receives the freedom of the City of Dublin to-morrow, together with a fearfully long-prepared speech from the mayor; but W. E. can retaliate, if he likes, with an extempore oration of days' length and much superior quality.

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A Bolton man's father dying, commended his wife to his son's care with the remark "She has been a good mother to you." He faithfully obeyed the dying behest, and after supporting her for many years to the best of his means, buried her a few weeks since: a short time after which, to his intense astonishment and indignation, an order was made on him by the parish to relieve the union of the maintenance of his mother. Upon enquiring, it turns out that the present pauper is his real mother—that when a baby she left him in a public house and eloped with a man with whom she has been living till recently. A good Samaritan took pity on the abandoned infant, took it home to his wife and adopted it; and so kindly did she treat him that he had reason to say on his death bed, "She has been a good mother to you." The present mysterious man—The Man With Two Mothers—will own only the one he was brought up to acknowledge, and emphatically refuses to maintain another mother. Whether the parish will distrain on his goods, under these extraordinary circumstances, remains to be seen. I will tell you some mother time.

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Thank God for any good acting! Charles Reade, in a letter to Rose Leclercq, says "For me who have so often left the theatre disappointed, irritated and wearied, your Joan Lawrie was really a thing to thank God for."

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Fifteen knots an hour averages the *City of Berlin* (Inman steamer). On the 11th ultimo she accomplished 402 knots in the twenty four hours. This is something more than a *succés d' esteam.**

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All For Love—has Marie Prieur, a French actress, committed suicide. Thank Heaven, Sir, no poor creature is likely to sacrifice herself on your account (judging by your portrait that I've hung in a cupboard, as Aunt Jane is subject to fits, and children, moreover, are easily frightened) *I* have much to answer for. There's no knowing how many lovely scions of the aristocracy have sacrificed themselves on my account. †

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When your are Hungary, cook by cold. A Hungarian's discovered that meat at a temperature of 40° centigrade, below freezing point, is already to all intents and purposes cooked.

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Cleopatra's Needle still remains in *statu quo*, until the question of salvage be determined, or the mysteries of flotsam and jetsam be explored. Meanwhile the owners of the Fitz-Maurice have found a site for it without any difficulty and are, in vulgar parlance, at the same time "taking a *sight*."

* D'estime.—ED.
† You're quite right. There *is* no knowing.—ED.

There's a good time cubbing, boys." A lion, or more strictly, a lioness, in Edmonds' menagerie has given birth to two fine ones. Had there been three, she would doubtless have received Her Majesty's usual encouraging three-guinea tip to prolificity.

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The Marquis of Lorne is to be Peered. Portraits as he appeered will be multitudinous. No particular reason given—seldom is for making Peers. Probably on account of his eminent services—in marrying a Princes.

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The *Hindus* of Benares have been *hinduced* to form a Society for the Propagation of Bramah amongst the ignorant Christians of Australia. I never heard of any good coming from Brahmah myself excepting Propagation and his patent locks.*

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Fatal Gluttony.—Amy Sheridan of Lady Godiva and other memory was nearly drowned the other day, but was saved by a gallant gentleman, who for her sake wetted himself. She has now quite recovered, and the intrepid man has signalised himself by a still more dauntless feat of daring. He's married her. Another of my sweethearts gone—but no matter! †

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Hansom cab-drivers include many have been swells of the first water. They are *now* men of rank (cab rank). *Inter alios* (Anglice: enter alehouse) is a whilom Lancer Captain of great fortune. When he left The Service he said "I will drive a cab and see if that will Lancer." If he didn't he ought to have.

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Something like a dramatic town.—Pekin rejoices in 180 theatres; and we grumble at having to endure 10 in London, with a hundred timest he population.

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The Ladies' Jute.—It's to be as glossy as silk, as soft as wool, and dye all colours. Balls will introduce it in January at Barrow-in-Furness.

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Such is the inherent love of education among the lower classes that a little girl was found concealed ——"found concealed" sounds "*inter se contraria sunt*"——in a state of filth, darkness and semi starvation "to hide her from the School Board!"

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It is *not* true that on the night of the 5th of November holders of Russian and Turkish securities met together to make bond fires.

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£100 and costs has the Commercial Gas Company of London to pay for supplying George Augustus Sala's initials of impure quality for eight days. The public have not yet subscribed to pay the fine but it is expected that Mr. Cross will advise Her Majesty to remit it.

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Jane Rignold has broken one of her beautiful legs on a skating rink. She was gyrating at the time like a Taglioni. A nasty revenge of the laws of fate: one of her *legs Taglionis.* ‡

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"Rhodes' Improved Kilting Machine" should be a favourite in Scotland.

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At Buda, Pesth, a solicitor has left 30,000 florins, the interest of which is to be awarded as dowry to each ballet girl on marriage. I don't know whether the ballet at *Pesth* is very Budaful, or a *pest* to society. Anyway this lawyer's

* Our London Lunatic has evidently got into a fog here, and is giving us one. However—"fog-give and fog-get" is our motto.—ED.
† Where's the gluttony.—ED.
‡ The poor man means *lex talionis*—ED.

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BABOO SCIENCE.

(*Respectfully dedicated to the Meteorological Department.*)

Local Officer (*to Baboo who has been supplied with a Thermometer and a Hygrometer*)—"HAVE THE INSTRUMENTS ARRIVED?"

Baboo.—"YES SIR, THE THERMO AND THE HYGRO HAVE ARRIVED, BUT THE TWO "MEHTERS" HAVE NOT REPORTED THEMSELVES TO ME AS YET."

bequest will have the effect of directly encouraging female virtue.

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The pianofortitude of Paris is great: 92,000 of those instruments of torture exist in that city alone.

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The 'Detectives' Trial' drags its slow length along much more quickly than it did during the investigation magisterial. The prosecution has not yet finished.

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There is a rumour—Erzeroumour—that Erzeroum has been taken by the Russians This is unconfirmed. Equally *more* so is that stating that the Sultan on hearing of it remarked "Erzeroum go!" and added by way of corollary "'Ere's a go of rum" and swallowed his chagrin.*

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Once on a time a magistrate—unpaid—signaized himself by giving a lad 6 months for stealing 6 walnuts, and was duly 'pantomimed' therefor. Then came the Reverend Moore, and the Chandler—geranium case. Then came Sir J. Mantell and the Bennett Cinderheap case: *now*, comes a proper London stipendiary, MR. BARSTOW of Marlborough St., who's given a lad of ten, twenty one days' hard labour for plucking a leek from St. Pancrias' Church-yard! By some egregious mistake, Home Secretary Cross has remitted a fortnight of this merciful and just sentence. I await the electro-silver epergne presentation to Samaritan Barstow from the St. Pancrias Parochial authorities and rate payers.

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The "new and original piece never before acted specially written for Miss Wallis by Messrs. Reece and Farnie," turns out, according to the *Manchester Guardian* to be 'Ruth Oakley', with the names of some of the characters colourably changed. That rash journal challenges the eminent plagiarists to deny it. When *I* was a dramatic author, I could always steal for myself. *Mais nous avons change tout cela.* It requires two or three at the top of their craft to possess sufficient intelligence for an ordinary literary theft now-a days.

"That I love thee, best, o mostest bestest,
Believe me
evermore
while this machine is to him,"

YOUR LONDON LUNATIC.

P.S.—The People's Bill has—as I thought he would—replied in a terribly long exordium to his Dublin City Freedom Presentation.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT.—Apples in the orchard of a market gardener.

* What is a chagrin?—ED.

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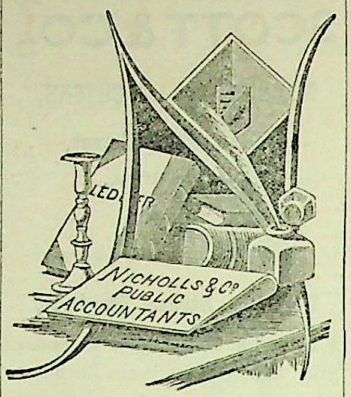
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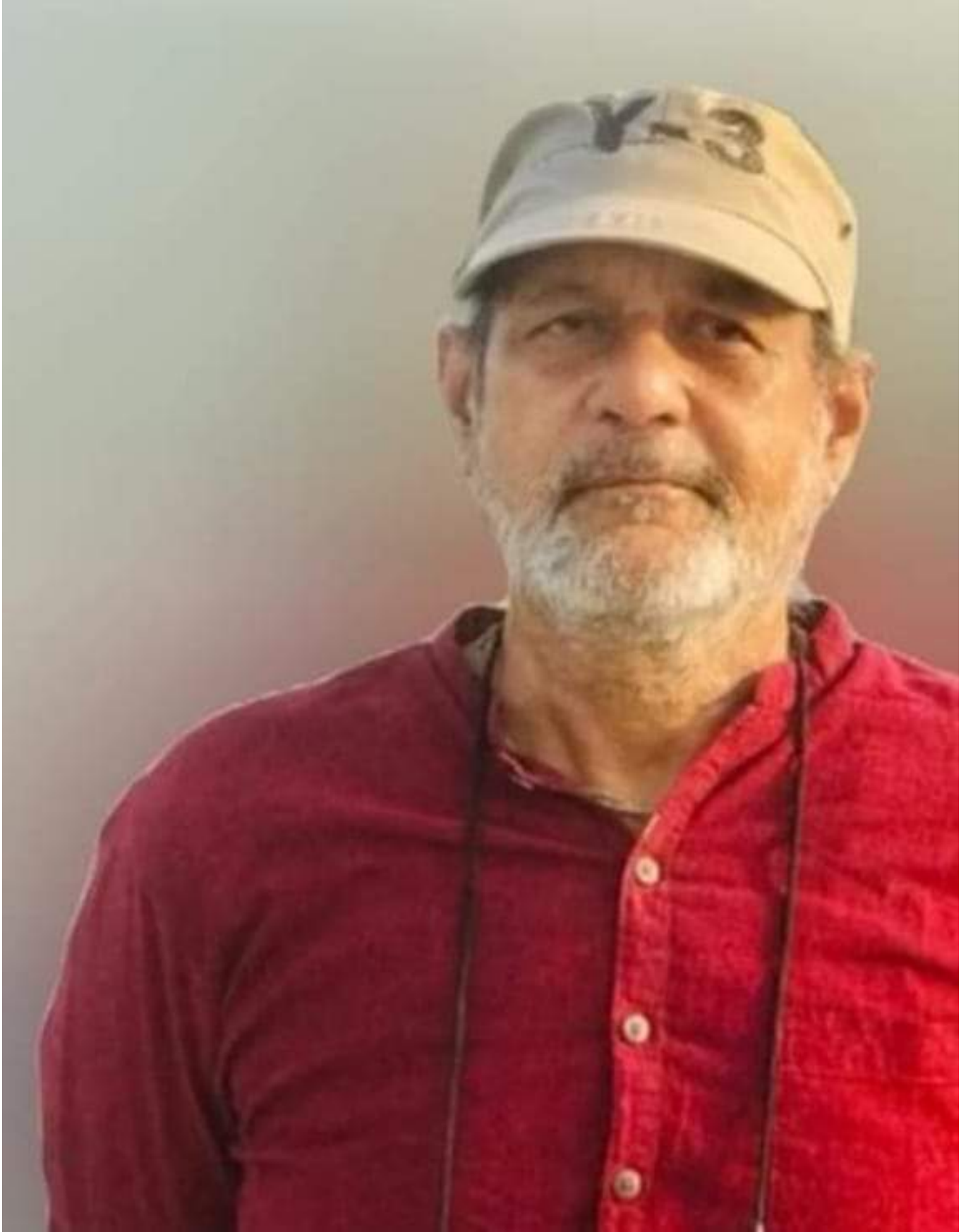
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